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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **28.12.2022**

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THE HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

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1.Ponmuthupanti @ Pandi

2.Rajendran

... Petitioners 1&2/
Accused2&3

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Aranthangi Division,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.

2.The Special Sub-Inspector of Police,
Aranthangi Police Station,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.
(Crime No.728 of 2022)

3.Ravikkumar

... Respondents/Complainants

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the learned Special Court for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,



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1989, Pudukkottai to accept the surrender of the petitioners 1&2/Accused Nos.2&3 and consider their bail application and grant bail on the date of surrender itself in Crime No.728 of 2022 dated 22.12.2022 on the file of the second respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.C.Maniyarasu

For R1 & R2 : Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking orders to direct the learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act Cases, Pudukkottai, to accept the surrender of the petitioners and consider their bail application on the same day on merits in relating to Crime No.728 of 2022 on the file of the second respondent police.

2. The petitioners are the accused for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 294(b), 323, 324 and 506(2) IPC and 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(2) (va) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015, in Crime No.728 of 2022, pending



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on the file of the second respondent police and apprehending arrest, they have filed the present petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 and perused the materials available on record.

4. In view of the specific bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration the possibility of misusing the pious intention of the Parliament against innocent persons, there shall be a direction to the learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act Cases, Pudukkottai, to consider the petitioners' bail application, preferably on the same day of their surrender in connection with Crime No.728 of 2022 on the file of the second respondent police and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity to the victim under Section 15(a) of the SC/ST Act. The petitioners shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen days,



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from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.

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5. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail petition shall look into the gravity of the offence, previous antecedents of the petitioners and pass orders. Mere direction issued by this Court to consider the bail petition on the same day, does not amount to consider it favorably.

6. With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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Pudukkottai District.

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Pudukkottai District.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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R.N.MANJULA, J.

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