



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.1945 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **01.02.2023**

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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Rathika,

: Petitioner

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.

2. State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.33/2023)

3. Manimala,

: Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the learned 1 Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Court), Thanjavur to accept the surrender of the petitioner/accused No.1 and consider the bail application on the same day on merit relating to Crime No.33/2023, dated 22/01/2023.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan
For R1 & R2 : Mr.R.Siva Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking orders to direct the learned 1 Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Court), Thanjavur to accept the surrender of the petitioner/accused No.1 and consider the bail application on the same day on merit relating to Crime No.33/2023, dated 22/01/2023.

2. The petitioner is an accused for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 355, 354 and 323 IPC r/w Sections 3(l)(r), 3(l)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015 in Crime No.33 of 2023, pending on the file of the second respondent police and apprehending arrest, the petitioner has filed the present petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents 1



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and 2 and perused the materials available on record.

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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 1 Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Court), Thanjavur, to consider the petitioner's bail application, preferably on the same day of her surrender in connection with Crime No.33 of 2023 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 petitioner shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen days, from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.

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 petitioner and pass orders. Mere direction issued by this Court to consider the bail petition on the same day, does not amount



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to consider it favorably.

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

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To

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Thanjavur
2. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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K.MURALI SHANKAR,J.

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