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Crl.O.P. No. 2054 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 06.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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1. Muthukumaran
2. Devaki .. Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Deputy Superintendent
of Police,
Ariyalur District,
Ariyalur.
2. The State,
rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Thoothur Police Station,
Ariyalur District. .. Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the Principal District and Sessions Judge at Ariyalur to consider the petitioners bail petition on the same day on their surrender before the Court in connection with the case in Crime No. 5 of 2024 on the file of the 2nd respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.R. Jayaprakash



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For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction, directing the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ariyalur to consider the bail application filed by the petitioners on the date of their surrender in Crime No.5 of 2024 on the file of the 2nd respondent on the same day.

2. In view of the amendments made in the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (**for brevity hereinafter referred to as the Act**), this Court is of the view that the usual directions that were issued by this Court cannot be issued routinely in all cases. Therefore, the petitioners are directed to **appear in person** before the Special Court within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. **The Special Court shall order reasonable, accurate and timely notice as mandated under Sec. 15 A (3) of the Act to the victim or his / her dependent by RPAD / through the respondent police and on such service of notice, the learned Special Judge shall deal with the**



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matter as expeditiously as possible on merits and in accordance with law, after hearing the victim or his / her dependent either in person or through counsel / legal aid counsel as mandated under Sec 15A (5) of the Act, in compliance with *Hariram Bhambhi vs Satyanarayan, reported in 2021 SCC Online SC 1010.*

3. This Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with the above directions.

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Index :Yes/No

Internet:Yes/No

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Note : Issue order copy on 07.02.2024

To

1. The Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ariyalur.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ariyalur District,
Ariyalur.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Thoothur Police Station,
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4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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