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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P No.3647 of 2024

Rajasekar

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Panruti,
Cuddalore District.

2.The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Naduveerapattu Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.287 of 2023)

...Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, directing the learned Sessions and District Judge, Cuddalore (Special Court for the exclusive trial of SC and ST Cases, Cuddalore) to accept the surrender of the petitioner herein concerned in Crime No.287 of 2023 on the file of Inspector of Police, Naduveerapattu, Cuddalore and consider their bail application on the same day itself.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Sivakumar

For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor



ORDER

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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to direct the learned Sessions and District Judge, Cuddalore (Special Court for the exclusive trial of SC and ST Cases, Cuddalore) to accept the surrender of the petitioner herein concerned in Crime No.287 of 2023 on the file of Inspector of Police, Naduveerapattu, Cuddalore and consider their bail application on the same day itself.

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 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 Section 15A(5) of the Act,



in compliance with the judgment in the case of *Hariram Bhambhi vs Satyanarayan* [reported in *2021 SCC Online SC 1010*].

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

20.02.2024

Index: Yes/No
Speaking order/Non-speaking Order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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Note: Issue Order Copy on 21.02.2024

To

- 1.The Sessions and District Judge, Cuddalore
(Special Court for the exclusive trial of SC and ST Cases, Cuddalore)
- 2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Panruti,
Cuddalore District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Naduveerapattu Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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