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*Crl.O.P. No. 6781 of 2024*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 20.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

**Crl.O.P.No.6781 of 2024**

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.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Deputy superintendent of Police,  
Tirukoilur,  
Tirukoilur Police Station,  
Crime No.116 of 2024

2. The State Rep. By  
The Inspector of Police,  
Tirukoilur police Station,  
Crime No.116 of 2024  
Kallakurichi

.. Respondents

**Prayer:** Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the learned Special Court of SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act cases at Kallakurichi to consider the bail application of the petitioners herein in Crime No.116 of 2024 on the file of respondent on the same day of their surrender.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Natarajan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran  
Additional Public Prosecutor



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**ORDER**

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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the learned Special Sessions Judge for SC/ST Act cases at Kallakurichi to accept the surrender of the petitioners and to consider the bail petition on the same day in Cr.No.116 /2024 on the file of the 2nd respondent police.

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**



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**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.

**20.03.2024**

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**N. ANAND VENKATESH,J**



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4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court, Madras.

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