



CrI.O.P.No.7925 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.04.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

CrI.O.P.No.7925 of 2024

1.Ragul @ Ragulraja
2.Gokul @ Gokulachandran
3.Vinothkumar

... Petitioners

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Vettaikaraniruppu Police Station,
Vettaikaraniruppu,
Vedaranyam Taluk,
Nagapattinam District.
Crime No.10 of 2024.

... Respondent

Prayer:

Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., seeking to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge under SC & ST (P.A) Act, Nagapattinam, Nagapattinam District to consider the bail application of the petitioners on their surrender in Crime No.10 of 2024 on the file of the respondent Police on the same day.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Murugabharathi
For Respondent : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge under SC & ST (P.A) Act, Nagapattinam, Nagapattinam District to consider the bail application filed by the petitioners in connection with Crime No.10 of 2024 on the file of the respondent on their surrender 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 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



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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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Speaking Order: Yes/ No

NCC: Yes/ No

To

1.The Principal District and Sessions Judge under SC & ST (P.A) Act,
Nagapattinam, Nagapattinam District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Vettaikaraniruppu Police Station,
Vettaikaraniruppu,
Vedaranyam Taluk,
Nagapattinam District.
Crime No.10 of 2024.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai 600 104.

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