

**Crl.O.P.No.18454 of 2024****T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.**

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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 74 and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, r/w Section 4 of Women Harassment Act in Crime No. Not known of 2024, seek anticipatory bail.

2.Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R. No.348 of 2024.

3.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) for the respondent.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances, the respondent police has to issue notice under Section 41(A) of Cr.P.C to the petitioners and the petitioners are directed to appear before the respondent police and the Investigating Officer has to conduct the enquiry by strictly following the procedures therein and if any *prima facie* case is made out against the petitioner, register the F.I.R or close the



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petition enquiry within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The parties are directed to cooperate with the enquiry. It is needless to say that the respondent police shall not take any coercive steps to secure the accused till the completion of enquiry on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant.

5. With the above directions, this criminal original petition is disposed of.

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