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CRL.O.P No.22239 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P No.22239 of 2023

and

CrI.M.P Nos.15459 and 15461 of 2023

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...Petitioner

Vs.

Inspector of Police,
SRMC Police Station,
Chennai.

..respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to call for the records in C.C.No.165/2023 pending on the file of the learned Principal Special Court EC and NDPS Act, Chennai.

For Petitioner

: Mr.N.Sudharasan

For Respondent

: Mr.A.Gopinath

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the respondent against the petitioner under Sections 8(c) and 22(c) of N.D.P.S Act.

2. The grounds raised by the counsel for the petitioner are all



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factual in nature and it requires appreciation of evidence and this Court cannot decide the same in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code. It is left open to the petitioner to raise all the grounds before the Court below and the same shall be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law. This Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings pending before the Court below.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested this Court to dispense with the presence of the petitioner. Taking into consideration, the facts and circumstances of the case, the presence of the petitioner is dispensed with and he shall be represented by a counsel, who shall cross examine the witnesses on the same day, they are examined in Chief. The petitioner shall be present before the Court below at the time of framing of charges, at the time of questioning under Section 313 Cr.P.C and at the time of passing of the final judgements and as and when required by the Court below.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with



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a direction to the Court below to complete the proceedings in CC No.165 of 2023 within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The trial shall be conducted on a day to day basis in accordance with the guidelines given by Hon'ble Supreme Court reported in *Vinod Kumar Vs State of Punjab [2015 (1) MLJ (Crl) 288 SC]*. If the petitioner adopts any dilatory tactics, it is open to the trial Court to insist upon the presence of the petitioner and remand him to custody as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH VS. SHAMBHU NATH SINGH (JT 2001 (4) SC 3191)*. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

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1. Learned Principal Special Court EC and NDPS Act,
Chennai.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras

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