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Crl.O.P.(MD) No.2859 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.04.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

CRL.O.P (MD) No.2859 of 2024

Kubendran,

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
NIB CID, Trichy.

2. The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Trichy.
Cr.No. 20/2021.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to direct the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge /Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC Act cases, Pudukkottai to expedite the trial in C.C.No. 28 of 2022 and dispose the case in a speedy manner in Crime No. 20 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, within a time frame as may be fixed by this court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Devaki

For R1 & R2 : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

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The petitioner is an accused in C.C.No.28 of 2022, which is filed under NDPS Act. Considering the quantity of the contraband involved, the petitioner has been denied bail and he is languishing in the jail for the past 2 1/2 years. Now, the petitioner has filed this petition seeking a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible.

2.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submits that the trial in C.C.No.28 of 2022, pending on the file of the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Special Court for EC Act Cases, Pudukkottai, has already been commenced. Till now, two witnesses have been examined. Eight more witnesses have to be examined.

3.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) undertakes that the remaining witnesses would be produced before the trial Court within a period of one month.



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4.This Court considered the rival submissions made.

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5.The petitioner was denied bail and therefore, the trial Court has to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible. Since two witnesses have been examined, the respondent police is directed to produce the remaining witnesses within one month before the trial Court, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The trial Court shall also endeavour to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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NCC : Yes/No
Internet:Yes/No
Index:Yes/No

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To

1. The Additional District & Sessions Judge,
Special Court for EC Act Cases,
Pudukkottai

2. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
NIB CID, Trichy.

3. The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Trichy.

4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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