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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.05.2024

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1.Meri @ Adaikalamary
2.Prakash @ Arunprakash
3.Priya @ Priyadharshini

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ponnamaravathi,
Pudukkottai District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Namanasamuthiram Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.
(Crime No.24/2024)

3.Saravanapandi

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to direct the learned District and Sessions Judge (Special Court for PCT Cases), Pudukkottai to accept the surrender of the petitioners and consider their bail application on the same day on merits relating to Crime No.24 of 2024 dated 27.02.2024.



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For Petitioners : Mr.D.Ramesh Kumar
For R1 & R2 : Mr.A.Thiruvadi Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking orders to direct the learned District and Sessions Judge (Special Court for PCT Cases), Pudukkottai, to accept the surrender of the petitioners and consider their bail applications on the same day on merits in relating to Crime No.24 of 2024, on the file of the second respondent police.

2. The petitioners are the accused for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 324, 323, 342, 324 and 506(ii) of IPC r/w Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of Schedule Caste and the Schedule Tribunal (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act 2015, in Crime No.24 of 2024, pending on the file of the second respondent police and apprehending arrest, they have filed the present petition.



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3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first and second respondents and perused the materials available on record.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first and second respondents would submit that the injured has been discharged from the hospital.

5. In view of the specific bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration the possibility of misusing the pious intention of the Parliament against innocent persons, there shall be a direction to the learned District and Sessions Judge (Special Court for PCT Cases), Pudukkottai, to consider the petitioners' bail applications, preferably on the same day of their surrender in connection with Crime No.24 of 2024, on the file of the second respondent police and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity to the victim under Section 15A(3) of the SC/ST Act. The petitioners shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court,



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within a period of fifteen days, from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.

6. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail petition shall look into the gravity of the offence, previous antecedents of the petitioners and pass orders. Mere direction issued by this Court to consider the bail petition on the same day, does not amount to consider it favorably.

7. With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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NCC : Yes / No
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Internet : Yes / No
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3.The Inspector of Police,
Namanasamuthiram Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

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



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S.SRIMATHY,J.

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