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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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Surjith @ Sujeethkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Melur Sub Division,
Melur,
Madurai District.

2.The State of Tamilnadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kottampatti Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.296 of 2024)

3.Karmegam

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 BNSS, to
to direct the III Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Cases)
Madurai to accept the surrender of the petitioner and consider his bail
application on the same day on merits in relating to Crime No.296 of
2024 dated 28.09.2024 on the file of the respondents police.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mahendra Pathy

For R1 & R2 : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 528 B.N.S.S., seeking orders to direct the learned III Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Cases), Madurai to accept the surrender of the petitioner and consider his bail application on the same day on merits in relating to Crime No.296 of 2024 on the file of the second respondent police.

2. The petitioner is the first accused for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(2) BNS and Sections 3(l)(r) and 3(l)(s) of the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in Crime No.296 of 2024, pending on the file of the second respondent police and apprehending arrest, he has filed the present petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the



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learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 and perused the materials available on record.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 would submit that the petitioner is not having any previous cases and that no one was injured in the incident.

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 III Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Cases) Madurai, to consider the petitioner's bail application, preferably on the same day of his surrender in connection with Crime No.296 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 15(a) of the SC/ST Act. The petitioner shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen days, from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.



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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 petitioner 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
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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To

- 1.The III Additional District and Sessions Judge (PCR Cases),
Madurai.
- 2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Melur Sub Division,
Melur,
Madurai District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Kottampatti Police Station,
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4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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K.MURALI SHANKAR,J.

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