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CRL OP NO.5453 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **28-02-2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Sowkathulla Khan
S/o.Ebrahimkhan All residing at No.13/1
Thakka pallivasal street, Santhapattai,
Tirukoilur, Kallakurichi District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Inspector Of Police,
All Women Police Station, Tirukovilur,
Kallakurichi District.

Cr.No.Not Known of 2025

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Karuppaiya Mooppanar

For Respondent(s): Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 118(1) of BNS r/w Section 4 of Women Harassment Act, 2002 in Crime No. Not known of 2025, seeks 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 against the petitioner is pending in C.S.R.No.56 of 2025.

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3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner 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 petitioner and the petitioner is 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 F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of three weeks from today. The parties are directed to co-operate 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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Speaking Order/Non Speaking Order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Inspector Of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Tirukovilur, Kallakurichi District

2.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court, Chennai



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