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Crl.O.P.No.17347 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.06.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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S.Durga Prasad

.. Petitioner

Versus

State Rep. by

The Superintendent of Police,

CBI, ACB, Chennai.

Crime No.RC MA1 2016 A 0002

.. Respondent

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, to direct the learned XIII Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases, Chennai to dispose the case in C.C.No.21 of 2017 pending trial expeditiously within the timeframe fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Infant Dinesh

For Respondent : M/s.G.Vrinda,
for Mr.K.Srinivasan,
Special Public Prosecutor for CBI Cases



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ORDER

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The prayer in this Criminal Original Petition is to direct the learned XIII Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases, Chennai to dispose of C.C.No.21 of 2017 pending trial as expeditiously as possible.

2. The learned Counsel for the petitioner/accused would submit that the petitioner/accused is also facing consequential proceedings under the Money Laundering Act and is therefore in a predicament on account of the pendency of the case.

3. Per *contra*, *M/s.G.Vrinda*, the learned Counsel for the respondent would submit that there are 59 witnesses in this case. The trial is underway. So far, *P.W.1* to *P.W.5* have been examined. Since there is no regular Judge for the Court below, the same has to be taken into account by this Court.

4. Considering the facts submitted by the learned Counsel for the



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respondent that another 54 witnesses have to be examined and at present, there is no regular Judge for the Court below and case being of the year 2017, I am of the view that the Trial Court can be directed to dispose of the above case as expeditiously as possible, in any event, not later than one year from the date of receipt of a web-copy of the order.

5. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

16.06.2025

Neutral Citation : no
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To

1. The XIII Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases,
Chennai
2. The Superintendent of Police,
CBI, ACB, Chennai.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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