



CrI.O.P.No.16814 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

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1.Ramalingam
2.Navaneetham

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police
Tittagudi-Superintendent of Police
Cuddalore -District

2. The Inspector of Police
Tittagudi-Police Station
Cuddalore-District
(Crime No.107 of 2025)

3. Vijayalakshmi

... Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to direct the learned District Sessions Judge (Special Court for SC/ST Cases) Cuddalore to consider petitioner's bail application on the same day of surrender in connection with a case in Crime No.107 of 2025 on the file of respondent.



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For Petitioners : Mr.N.Ranjith Kumar

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For Respondents 1 and 2 : Dr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

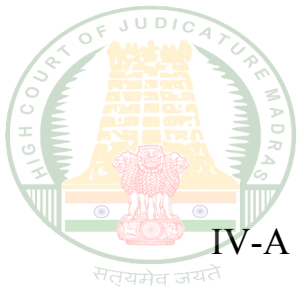
ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners to direct the learned District Sessions Judge (Special Court for SC/ST Cases) Cuddalore to consider the petitioner's bail application on the same day of their surrender in connection with a case in Crime No.107 of 2025 on the file of respondent.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) and also perused the materials available on record.

3. Since no adverse order is being passed against the third respondent, notice to the third respondent is dispensed with.

4. It is to be noted that as per Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (in short "SC/ST Act"), there is a bar to file a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C./483 of B.N.S.S. Therefore Anticipatory Bail is not maintainable for the offence under the SC/ST Act. Further Section 15A under Chapter



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IV-A was introduced by Act 1 of 2016 w.e.f. 26.01.2016, as per which, notice has to be sent to the victim, in respect of any proceedings and without giving notice, no proceedings shall be proceeded further. Further, the inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C./528 of B.N.S.S. should not be invoked automatically and the jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C./528 of B.N.S.S. should be exercised sparingly. When there is a specific bar under the Special Act, this Court cannot ignore the intention of the Legislators and the purpose of enactment of the Special Act. If the petitioners' application is directed to be considered on the same day without giving notice to the victim, the purpose of Sections 18 and 15A(3)(5) of SC/ST Act would be defeated and the same would curtail the statutory right of the victim.

5. Under such circumstances, this Court is not inclined to invoke Section 482 Cr.P.C./528 of B.N.S.S., which would amount to ignoring the provisions of the Special Act. Therefore, this petition shall stand dismissed.

6. However, the petitioners are at liberty to workout their remedy in the manner known to law and the learned Special Judge/Magistrate is directed to exercise his/her discretionary power after giving notice to the

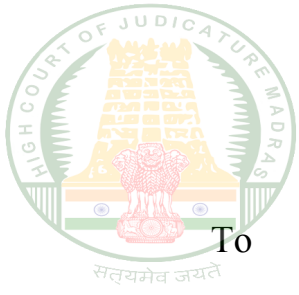


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victim. The learned Special Judge/Magistrate is also directed to adhere
the statutory provisions of Sections 18 and 15 A (3)(5) of SC/ST Act.

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Tittagudi-Police Station
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4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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