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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.32439 of 2025

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Petitioners

Vs

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Mecheri Police Station,
Salem District.
Cr.No. Not known of 2025.

....Respondent

For Petitioners : Mr. Vasudevan Bramalingam

For Respondent : M/s.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 351(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act, 1998 in Crime No. Not known of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. Today, when the matter taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that petition enquiry is pending.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners 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 petitioners and the petitioners 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 petitioners, register the F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of three (3) weeks from today. The parties are directed to cooperate 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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To

1. The Inspector of Police
Mecheri Police Station,
Salem District.

2. The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court



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