

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.9345 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 05.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.9345 of 2025

Ragavi

... Petitioner

versus

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ottanchathiram,
Dindigul District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Sempatti Police Station,
Dindigul District.
[Crime No.179 of 2025]

3.Sathiyajothi

... Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of Bharathiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to direct the Sessions Judge, Special Court for Trial of Cases under SC & ST (POA) Act, Dindigul to consider the bail application of the petitioner on her surrender on the same day, if any filed, in Crime No.179 of 2025 on the file of the 2nd respondent police.

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For Petitioners : Mr.S.Sivaprakash
For R1 and R2 : Mr.P.Kottaichamy
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

ORDER

The petitioner is an accused in Crime No.179 of 2025 on the file of the 2nd respondent Police. The said case was registered for the offence under Sections 296(b), 329(3) and 351 (2) of BNS and Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Therefore, the petitioner has filed this petition seeking a direction to the Special Court concerned to dispose of her bail application on the date of surrender.

2.The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits the petitioner and the defacto complainant are neighbours. It is a false case lodged against the petitioner to wreak vengeance. He further submits that Section 18 of the SC/ST (POA) Act prohibits grant of anticipatory

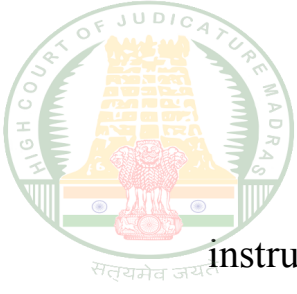


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bail in the cases registered under the SC/ST (POA) Act. In view of the bar under Section 18 of the SC/ST (POA) Act, the petitioner is inclined to surrender before the Special Court concerned and to seek regular bail. Therefore, the petitioner seeks a direction for disposal of the bail application on the same day.

3.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 submits that the defacto complainant has not sustained any injury.

4.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered with a direction to the petitioner to surrender within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the Special Court for Trial of Cases under SC & ST (POA) Act, Dindigul which, in turn, is directed to entertain the bail application if any filed by the petitioner on the same day. The Public Prosecutor concerned is expected to be available in the Courts and the Public Prosecutor can very well get



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instructions with the available scientific modes. The bail application
in any event shall be disposed on merits on the same day.

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To

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under SC & ST (POA) Act,
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3.The Inspector of Police,
Sempatti Police Station,
Dindigul District.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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