



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.20885 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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1.S.Sarmila @ Sharmila Devi

2.S.Ramuthai

... Petitioners/Accused No.1 & 2

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu Rep. by its,
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Theni,
Theni District.

... 1st Respondent/Investigation Officer

2.The Inspector of Police,
Allinagaram Police Station,
Theni District.
(Crime No.448 of 2025)

... 2nd Respondent/Complainant

3.Vetriselvam

... 3rd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to direct the Learned Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Cases, Theni to consider the bail application on their surrender on the same day if any petition filed by the petitioners in Crime No.448 of 2025 on the file of 2nd Respondent.



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For Petitioners : Mr.C.Susikumar
For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioners seek a direction to the learned Special Judge for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Cases, Theni to consider the bail application on their surrender on the same day, if any petition filed by the petitioners in Crime No.448 of 2025 on the file of the second respondent.

2. Since this Court is directing the Court below to consider the bail application after giving notice to the victim, notice to the victim in this case is dispensed with.

3. In view of the specific bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration of the facts of the case, there shall be a direction to the learned Special Judge for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Cases, Theni to consider the petitioners' bail application on the same day of their surrender in connection with Crime No.448 of 2025 registered for the offences under Section 296(b), 115(2) of BNS, 2023, Section 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and pass appropriate orders in accordance



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with law. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail petition shall consider the gravity of the offence, previous antecedent of the petitioners and pass orders, after affording due opportunity of hearing to the victim under Section 15-A of the SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989.

4. The petitioners shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The petitioners shall inform in advance the learned Public Prosecutor and the victim of the date of surrender and of the filing of the petition.

5. This Criminal Original Petition is ordered accordingly.

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NCC : Yes / No
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To

1. The Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Cases,
Theni.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Theni,
Theni District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Allinagaram Police Station,
Theni District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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