



Crl.O.P.No.808 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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Settu @ Selvakumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State rep by
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District,
Crime No.7 of 2026.

2. The State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Morappur Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
Crime No.7 of 2026.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Special Court for Exclusive Trial of cases under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Dharmapuri, to consider the bail application of the petitioner on the same day in the event of his surrender in connection with Crime No.7 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent Police.



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For Petitioner : Mr.Vishnu Manoharan
For Respondents : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases), Dharmapuri, to accept the surrender of the petitioner and consequently consider his bail petition on the same day, on merits, in connection with Crime No.7 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent Police.

2. 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 the possibility of misusing the pious intention of the Parliament against innocent persons, there shall be a direction to the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Act cases), Dharmapuri, to consider the bail application of the petitioner preferably on the same day of his surrender, in connection with Crime No.7 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent Police and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording due



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opportunity to the victims under Section 15-A of the SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989. The petitioner shall surrender before the jurisdictional Court within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

3. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC/ST Act Cases,
Dharmapuri.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District,
Crime No.7 of 2026.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Morappur Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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