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Crl.O.P.No.1588 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.01.2026

CORAM:

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

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Selladurai @ Chelladurai Alagappan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. State represented by,
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Valappadi Sub Division, Salem District.

2. State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ethappur Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.24 of 2026)

3. Sridhar

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C, to direct the learned Special Judge for SC & ST (POA) Act cases, Principal Sessions Court, Salem District, to accept the surrender of the petitioner and to consider his bail petition on the same day in Crime No.24 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathish

For R1 & R2 : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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ORDER

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The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the learned Special Judge for SC & ST (POA) Act cases, Principal Sessions Court, Salem District, to accept the surrender of the petitioner and consequently consider his bail petition on the same day, on merits, in connection with Crime No.24 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 Special Judge for SC & ST (POA) Act cases, Principal Sessions Court, Salem District, to consider the petitioner's bail application preferably on the same day of his surrender, in connection with Crime No.24 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent police and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording due 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.



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3. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The Special Judge for SC & ST (POA) Act cases,
Principal Sessions Court,
Salem District.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Valappadi Sub Division, Salem District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Ethappur Police Station,
Salem District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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