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W.P.Crl.No.199 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.02.2026

CORAM:

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

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K.Balamurugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Office of the Collector,
Nagapattinam District.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
Nagapattinam, Nagapattinam District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Thittacheri Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition (Criminal) is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus or direction in the nature of writ, to direct respondents 2 and 3 to conduct a fair and proper investigation by employing scientific and technological methods, including examination of CCTV footage, mobile tower analysis, call detail records and other electronic evidence, by considering the representation dated 24.12.2025, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Ponnusamy

For Respondents : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

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The present Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed seeking a direction to respondents 2 and 3 to conduct a fair investigation, by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 24.12.2025.

2. Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, this Writ Petition (Criminal) is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that on 18.12.2025, the petitioner lodged a complaint before the third respondent alleging that on 17.12.2025, a 2 HP electric motor installed in his agricultural land was stolen by unknown persons. He further submitted that it was not an isolated incident, as several farmers in the village had also lodged complaints regarding the theft of electric motors from their lands. However, no preventive measures were taken by the third respondent police. Hence, the petitioner sent a representation dated 24.12.2025 to the second respondent seeking appropriate steps to prevent such thefts. Since no action has been taken, the present petition has been filed.

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5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for the respondents, submitted that based on the petitioner's complaint, an enquiry was conducted by the third respondent in C.S.R.No.1216 of 2025 and thereafter, based on the CCTV footage provided by the petitioner, a case in Crime No.10 of 2026 was registered. He further submitted that the investigation in the said case is still pending.

6. Having heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and upon perusal of the materials available on record, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner's complaint has been duly considered by the third respondent police and that a case has now been registered. Therefore, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court directs the third respondent police to complete the investigation and file the final report at the earliest, in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, this Writ Petition (Criminal) stands disposed of. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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