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CrI.O.P.No.2725 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.02.2026

CORAM:

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

CrI.O.P.No.2725 of 2026
and CrI.M.P.No.1845 of 2026

Subha Elavarasan

... petitioner

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu represented by,
The SSI of Police,
Ariyalur,
Ariyalur District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records in S.T.C.No.1218 of 2024 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ariyalur and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sankarasubbu

For Respondent : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in S.T.C.No.1218 of 2024 pending on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ariyalur.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 15.11.2023, the petitioner and others, who belong to a political party, without obtaining any prior permission, unlawfully assembled and protested against the exploration of methane in their agricultural land in the Cauvery Delta, thereby causing public nuisance. Consequently, a case in Crime No.343 of 2023 was registered by the respondent Police for the offences under Sections 143, 341 & 290 IPC. After completion of investigation, the final report was filed before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ariyalur and the learned Magistrate took cognizance of the same and numbered it as S.T.C.No.1218 of 2024, which is now sought to be quashed.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the facts of the instant case are similar to the facts of the cases in ***Jeevanandham and others vs. The Inspector of Police, Velayuthampalayam Police Station, Karur District*** reported in (2018 2 LW (Crl) 606) and ***Sri Raja vs Inspector of Police, Sivakasi Town Police Station Virudhunagar District and others (Crl.O.P(MD) No.7922 of 2019, decided on 30.08.2019)***, in which the proceedings were quashed. Hence, he prayed to quash the proceedings pending against the petitioner.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police endorsed the aforesaid submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the facts of the instant case are akin to the facts in the aforesaid two cases.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. In view of the above, this Court is of the opinion that the above said decisions would apply on all fours to the present case and that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the proceedings pending and is liable to be quashed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings pending against the petitioner in S.T.C.No.1218 of 2024, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ariyalur, is hereby quashed in entirety. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Ariyalur.
2. The SSI of Police,
Ariyalur, Ariyalur District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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