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CRL OP No. 6696 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP No. 6696 of 2026

and

CRL MP No.4883 of 2026

Pratham Lodha

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
F-5, Choolaimedu Police Station,
Chennai.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, 538 of BNSS, Act, to call for the records and quash the FIR registered in Crime No. 682 of 2024 on the file of F-5 Choolaimedu Police Station, Chennai under Sections 8(c),20(b)(ii)(B), and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985 against the petitioner and issue any other orders.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.G.Uma Maheswari

For Respondent(s): Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Additional Public Prosecutor



ORDER

The petitioner has been arrayed as accused in Crime No.682 of 2024 for offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, and has filed the present petition to quash the FIR.

2. The contention of the petitioner is that he is not a named accused. The petitioner has been arrayed primarily as A6, on the basis of the confession statement of the co-accused, and he is now facing the above case. Further, he submitted that no incriminating material has been seized from the petitioner. Hence, he has filed the present petition.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the FIR was initially registered against the two persons, namely Gokul and Akash, and the petitioner has been arrayed as A6. During the investigation A1 and A2 were arrested and thereafter, based on their confession, other accused were arrayed. The accused no.4, namely Amit Shah was arrested, based on his confession, the petitioner was searched and 3 grams of Ganja and a mobile phone were seized from him. The mobile phone records confirmed that all the accused were in regular contact, exchanging messages and actively involved in the offence. Thereafter, the petitioner was arrested.



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4. Heard both sides and perused the available materials on record.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, it is seen that though the petitioner's name is not found in the FIR, based on the confession of the co-accused, he has been arrayed as an accused. Further, 3 grams of contraband (ganja) and mobile phone have been seized. The mobile phone call records and tower location confirm that all the accused were in constant contact with each other.

6. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain this criminal original petition. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Index:Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet:Yes

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

To

1. The Inspector of Police
F-5, Choolaimedu Police Station, Chennai.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court, Chennai.



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