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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-02-2026

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

CRL OP No. 2979 of 2026

Manivel

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Sub Inspector of Police
Avinangudi Police Station,
Cuddalore District
(Cr.No.119 of 2023)

2. Balamurugan

..Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to direct the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thittagudi, Cuddalore District, to dispose of the case in STC.No.59 of 2024 as expeditiously as possible within the time fixed by this Court in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Velmurugan

For Respondent-1 : Mr.S.Santhosh,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This criminal original petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused seeking expeditious disposal of S.T.C.No.59 of 2024 pending on the file of the



learned Judicial Magistrate, Thittagudi, Cuddalore District, within a stipulated time.

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2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record.

3. It is pertinent to state that a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in the case of ***High Court Bar Association, Allahabad vs. State of Uttar Pradesh*** reported in ***(2024) 6 SCC 267***, has held that the constitutional courts, in the ordinary course, should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other court. The relevant portion of the said decision for the sake of ready reference is reproduced below:

"47.3. Constitutional courts, in the ordinary course, should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other courts. Constitutional courts may issue directions for the time-bound disposal of cases only in exceptional circumstances. The issue of prioritising the disposal of cases should be best left to the decision of the courts concerned where the cases are pending."

(emphasis supplied by this Court).

4. Considering the fact that the case is of the year 2024 and also considering the aforesaid decision of the Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, this Court finds no exceptional circumstance warranting issuance of a direction for a speedy disposal of the case in STC No.59 of 2024.



Therefore, the present Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thittagudi, Cuddalore District, is directed to follow the mandate of Section 143(2) (3) of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Thittagudi,
Cuddalore District,
2. The Sub Inspector of Police
Avinangudi Police Station,
Cuddalore District
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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