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Crl.O.P.No.3200 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.02.2026

CORAM:

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

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and Crl.M.P.No.2236 of 2026

1. Thenmozhi
2. Uma @ Umamaheswari
3. A.N.S.Srinivas
4. Arunachalam
5. G.Vidhya
6. XXXXX (Minor)
S/o. XXXXX,
XXXXXX, Chennai District.

7. Geetha

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Salem City Police Station,
Salem.

2. Valar Nila .J

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, call for the entire records pursuant



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to the FIR in Crime No.22 of 2025 on the file of the Central Crime Branch, Salem City Police and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Arul

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the First Information Report in Crime No.22 of 2025, on the file of the Central Crime Branch, Salem City Police.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused induced the *de facto* complainant to invest Rs.60,95,000/- in a real estate project and cheated the *de facto* complainant. During the course of investigation, it came to light that the petitioners have signed the documents on behalf of the other accused. Based on the complaint given by the second respondent/*de facto* complainant, the first respondent police registered the case in Crime No.22 of 2025, for the offences under Sections 120B, 418 and 420 of IPC on 03.09.2025, which is now sought to be quashed.



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3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that there is no mention about the petitioner's name in the FIR and the petitioners had been falsely roped in this case. Hence, he prayed to quash the First Information Report pending against the petitioners.

4. *Per contra*, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioners, along with other accused, have induced the *de facto* complainant to invest Rs.60,95,000/- in a real-estate project, in which they do not have any right and cheated the *de facto* complainant. He would submit that though the petitioner's name do not find place in the FIR, during the course of investigation, it came to light that the petitioners have also signed in several documents to assist the other accused in the offence. He would submit that apart from the *de facto* complainant, the petitioners have also cheated several other victims and total amount cheated is Rs.5.66 crores. He would further submit that the case has been registered only on 03.09.2025, and the respondent have to collect further documents and the investigation is at a very nascent stage. Hence, he objected to quash the case against the petitioner.



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5. Having heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and upon perusal of the materials available on record and taking note of the fact that the case was registered only on 03.09.2025 and that the investigation is at a preliminary stage, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the investigation and does not find any merit in this petition to quash the First Information Report.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Salem City Police Station,
Salem.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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