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Crl.O.P.No.3838 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.3838 of 2026
and
Crl.M.P.Nos.2656 & 2657 of 2026

1.Bellam
2.Haldorai
3.Kumar
4.Balan
5.Srinivasan

.... Petitioners

Vs

1.State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Lovedale Police Station,
The Nilgiris.

2.Rameshponnan
Special Sub Inspector of Police,
Lovedale Police Station,
The Nilgiris.

.... Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of B.N.S.S, to call for the records in S.T.C.No. 10 of 2026 pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Coonoor and to quash the same as far as the petitioners are concerned.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Balasubramaniam

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



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ORDER

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The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash S.T.C.No. 10 of 2026 pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Coonoor.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 16.10.2025, the petitioner and others, had unlawfully assembled, without obtaining any permission, and conducted a protest and obstructed a Government bus plying between Adikaratti and Muttinadu, thereby causing disturbance to the public. Therefore, a case in Crime No.40 of 2025 was registered by the respondent police for the offences under Sections 189(2), and 126(2) IPC. After completion of investigation, the respondent police filed the charge sheet before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Coonoor. Pursuant thereto, the learned Magistrate issued summons to the petitioners in S.T.C.No.10 of 2026, which is now sought to be quashed.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that 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 No.7922 of



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2019, decided on 30.08.2019), in which the proceedings were quashed. Hence,

he prayed to quash the summons issued on the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the present case was registered due to the protest conducted without obtaining any permission. He also endorsed the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the facts of the instant case are akin to the facts in the aforesaid two cases.

5. Having heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and upon perusal of the entire materials available on record, 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 impugned proceedings pending and the same is liable to be quashed.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings in S.T.C.No. 10 of 2026, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Coonoor is hereby quashed as against the petitioners. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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2.The Inspector of Police
Lovedale Police Station,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai.



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