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CrI.O.P. (MD) No.3001 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.02.2026

CORAM:

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

CrI.O.P. (MD) No.3001 of 2026
and CrI.M.P. (MD) No.3244 of 2026

1.C.V. Sekar

2.Jawahar Babu

3.Suresh

4.Amutha Duraisenthil

5.Nalini Gopi

6.Udayakumar

7.Bharathidasan

8.Muruganand

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.State of Tamil Nadu, Rep., by
The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.237 of 2025)

2.Thanavendhan

... Respondents

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 Crime No. 237 of 2025 on the file of the 1st respondent police and quash the same as against the petitioners herein.

For Petitioners : Mr. D.R. Murugesan

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



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ORDER

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The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in Crime No. 237 of 2025 pending on the file of the 1st respondent police.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.04.2025, the petitioners and others, who belong to a political party, without obtaining any prior permission, unlawfully assembled and protested against the Minister for speaking derogatorily about women, thereby causing disturbance to the public. Consequently, a case in Crime No.237 of 2025 was registered by the respondent Police for the offences under Sections 189(2) & 126(2) BNS, which is now sought to be quashed.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners 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 petitioners.



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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 petitioners 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 petitioners in Crime No. 237 of 2025, on the file of the 1st respondent police, is hereby quashed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

AT

To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
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- 2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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