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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **24.02.2026**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.4451 of 2026

Manikandan

....Petitioner

..Vs..

The State represented by
Inspector of Police,
Anaikaranchathiram Police Station,
Mayiladuthurai District.
(Crime No.Not Known of 2026)

....Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.Vinoth.M

For Respondent : M/s.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 118(1), 351(2) of BNS in Crime No. Not known of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. Today, when the matter taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that petition enquiry is pending in **CSR No.39 of 2026**

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances, the respondent police has to issue notice under Section 41(A) of Cr.P.C to the petitioner and the petitioner is directed to appear before the respondent police and the Investigating Officer has to conduct the enquiry by strictly following the procedures therein and if any *prima facie* case is made out against the petitioner, register the F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of three (3) weeks from today. The parties are directed to cooperate with the enquiry. It is needless to say that the respondent police shall not take any coercive steps to secure the accused till the completion of enquiry on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant.

5. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

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1. The Inspector of Police,
Anaikaranchathiram Police Station,
Mayiladuthurai District.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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