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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 7680 of 2026

P.Balaji
S/o.Pandian,
No. 9, Chandran Street,
Gandhi Nagar,
7th Street, Kodungaiyur,
Chennai - 600118

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Represented By Inspector of Police
M-1 Madavaram Police Station,
Madavaram,
Chennai.
Crime No. Not Known of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner/accused on anticipatory bail in event of arrest in Cr.No. Not Known of 2026 on the file of the respondent and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s):	M.Manivelan
For Respondent(s):	Mr.P.Dhileepan, Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

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



2. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petition enquiry in CSR.No.0134 of 2026 is pending against the petitioner.

3. In such circumstances, this Court is of the firm view that the respondent Police may be directed to follow the ratio as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Satender Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation* reported in (2026 INSC 115) and 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1578 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 two 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.

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

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To

1. The Inspector of Police
M-1 Madavaram Police Station,
Madavaram,
Chennai.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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