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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

**CRL OP No. 9427 of 2026
and CRL.MP.No.6657 of 2026**

Thomas Sebastian

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu Rep. by
The Inspector of Police (PEW),
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Kanchipuram.
2. The Revenue Inspector
Sriperumbudur.

..Respondent(s)

To call for the records pertaining to the impugned FIR in Crime
No. 46/2025 dt. 14.03.2025 on the file of the respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Annaamalai

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Vinothraja,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

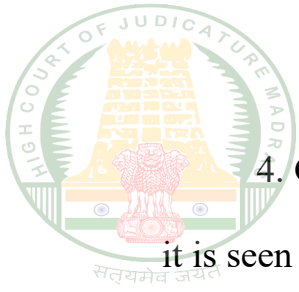
ORDER

The petitioner, who has been arrayed as accused in Crime No.46 of 2025,
for the offences under Sections 125, 286, 287 BNS and Section 11 of the Tamil
Nadu Prohibition Act, has filed the present petition seeking quashment of the
FIR.



2. The contention of the petitioner is that, though the inspection was conducted on 03.12.2024, the FIR has been registered only on 14.03.2025. There is a delay of nearly four months. Further, even according to the respondent Police, the sample collected and sent for chemical analysis, confirms that the items contain methyl alcohol to the extent of 95% and not ethyl alcohol. The ethyl alcohol alone is used in the preparation of illicit arrack. A former employee sent a false complaint to Chief Minister cell and based on the same, the FIR has been registered. It is further submitted that the petitioner is neither the proprietor nor the owner of the Therelek Machines Company, but only an employee.

3. The learned Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the Lab report confirms the presence of methyl alcohol. It is further submitted that the question as to whether the petitioner had requisite permission to use methyl alcohol requires verification. Now, the investigation is at a crucial stage and the investigation will be completed and final report will be filed within a period of two months. However, the petitioner's contention and defence, would be considered during investigation. If the petitioner's contention has any merits, accordingly, steps will be taken. The above statement is recorded.



4. Considering the submissions of the learned Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side),

it is seen that the investigation is at the initial stage and this Court finds no merit to entertain this petition at this stage. Accordingly, this petition is dismissed.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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