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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. P.Ranjit Mehta
2. Arvind Bagrecha
3. Subhadra Lunawath
4. Praveen Sancheti K C
5. Naresh Sancheti K

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Represented by Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch (CCB),
Vepery, Chennai.
Crime No. Not Known /2026

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in Crime No. not known /2026, in the event of their arrest in connection with the pending inquiry/complaint on the file of the Inspector of Police, Central Crime Branch, Chennai, and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s):	M/S. Ralph V.Manohar
For Respondent(s):	Mr.P.Dhileepan Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 308 (2) and 316 (2) of the BNS, 2023, r/w Sections 3 and 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act, 2003, and Sections 20 and 21 of the Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Act, 2025, in Crime No. Not known of 2026, seek anticipatory bail.



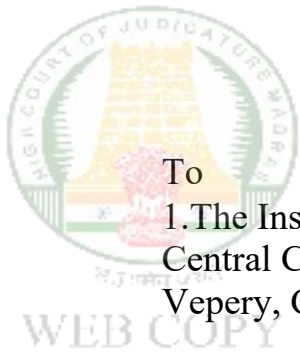
2. When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent submits that petition enquiry in C.No.5337/COP/Visitors/2025 dated 04.07.2025 is pending against the petitioners.

3. In such circumstances, this Court is of the firm view that the respondent Police may be directed to follow the procedure 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 petitioners, 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,
Central Crime Branch (CCB),
Vepery, Chennai.

2.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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