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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 8762 of 2026

Anbuthurai
S/o. Thomas,
No. 14, Bhagavathi Nagar,
Tambaram, Tambaram East,
Kancheepuram District 600059.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
All Women Police Station (AWPS),
Puzhal Police Station,
Chennai-Kolkata National Highway (NH 16),
Near Puzhal Camp and New Central Jail,
Puzhal, Chennai - 600066.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No. not known of 2026, on the file of the respondent police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Naveen Kumar M

For Respondent(s):

Mr.P.Dhileepan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 318(4) of BNS r/w Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 1998, 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 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
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2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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