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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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Ranjith,
S/o.Selvaraj
Tenant and person in lawful possession,
of establishment name "CLOSE TO MY HEART"
No.7, Kumaran, 1st Street, Potheri West,
Maraimalainagar, Kancheepuram,
Tamil Nadu-603 203.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Guduvanchery range,
1st floor,
Kilambakkam Police Station building,
Chennai,
Tamil Nadu-600 048.
2. The Inspector of Police,
H-3, Maraimalai Nagar Police Station,
Maraimalai Nagar,
Tamil Nadu-603 209.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, to issue a direction to the Respondent Police from harassing the Petitioner and their staff, in any manner whatsoever, except in accordance with the due process of law, and pass such other orders.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.E.Dhinesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Additional Public Prosecutor



ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, seeking a direction to direct the Respondent Police from harassing the Petitioner and their staff, in any manner whatsoever, except in accordance with the due process of law.

2. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents submitted that the petitioner is the accused and has alleged the sale of nicotine and two packets of 'Hans'. For the purpose of verification, the respondent police conducted an enquiry to ascertain the involvement of the petitioner. Since the petitioner is a college student, the enquiry was also conducted to determine whether he continues to indulge in any offence as alleged in the complaint.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents 1 and 2 and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the above submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents 1 and 2 and upon perusal of the materials available on record, it seen that the petitioner is a college student and for the purpose of verification, the respondent police conducted an enquiry to ascertain the involvement of the



petitioner as alleged in the complaint. Such action cannot be construed as harassment. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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