



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRL OP No. 10804 of 2026

Manjula

..Petitioner

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
Shevapet Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No. not known/2026)

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in the event of arrest by the Respondent in Crime No.not known/2026.

For Petitioner: Mr.S Sathish Kumar

For Respondent: Mr.P.Dhileepan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 335 and 336(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 in Crime No. Not known of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submits that current paper 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 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 petitioner, register an F.I.R or close the current paper enquiry within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of the order. The parties are directed to cooperate in 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,
Shevapet Police Station,
Salem District.

2. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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