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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP No. 12665 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Mangalamedu Sub-Division,
Perambalur District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Mangalamedu Police Station,
Perambalur District.
3. Napoleon

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 praying to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Special Court for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Perambalur District to consider the bail application filed by the petitioner on the same day of her surrender in Crime No.173 of 2026 on the file of the 2nd respondent police.

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.R.Swetha

For Respondent(s):

Mr.A.Damodaran

Additional Public Prosecutor For R1 & R2

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Special Court for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Perambalur District to accept the



surrender of the petitioner and consider her bail application on the same day on merits in relating to Crime No. 173 of 2026 dated 02.04.2026 on the file of the second respondent police.

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

3. In view of the specific bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration the limited prayer and the facts and circumstances of the case, there shall be a direction to the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Special Court for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Perambalur to consider the petitioner's bail application, preferably on the same day of her surrender in connection with Crime No.173 of 2026 on the file of the second respondent police and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity to the victim under Section 15-A of the SC/ST Act. The petitioner shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen days, from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.

4. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail petition shall look into the gravity of the offence, previous antecedents of the petitioner and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law.



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5. With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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To

1. The Principal District and Sessions Judge, Perambalur, Special Court for SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cases.

2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Mangalamedu Sub-Division.
Perambalur District.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Mangalamedu Police Station,
Perambalur District.

4. The Additional Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court, Chennai.

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