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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 13895 of 2026

V Ranjith Kumar

..Petitioner

Vs

The Principal Commissioner of Customs
Preventive Commissionerate,
Chennai III Commissionerate,
60, Custom House, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai - 600 001.
Crime No.Unknown of 2026

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest with regard to unknown File Number of 2026 in the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner:

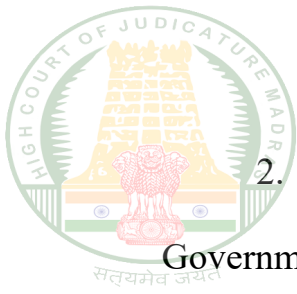
Mr.Hari Radhakrishnan

For Respondent:

Mr.Rajendran Raghavan
Spl.Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 132 of the Customs Act, 1962 Section 135(1)(a) and section 135A of the Customs Act, 1962 in Crime No. Not known of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.



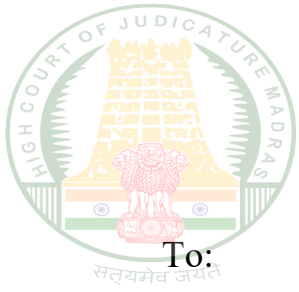
2. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petition enquiry is pending against the petitioner.

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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1. The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate EOW II,
Egmore
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs
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3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras



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