



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

CRL OP No. 13992 of 2026

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Manjunathan
S/o.Chandrasekar
No.4/175 Kalathumedu,
Viruthampattu,
Vellore District – 632 006.

..Petitioner

Vs

The State represented by,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Viruthampet Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.Not Known of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on Bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.Not Known of 2026, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner:

Mr.P.Sriram

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)



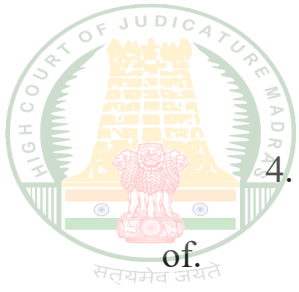
ORDER

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The petitioner apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Section 296b, and 118 of The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 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 petitioners, 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 Judicial Magistrate III, Vellore.

2. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Viruthampet Police Station,
Vellore District.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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