



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 14628 of 2026

1. S Mathew
52, Selvaraj Nagar,
Railway Station Main Road,
Urapakkam,
Chennai – 603211.
2. Punitha
52, Selvaraj Nagar,
Railway Station Main Road,
Urapakkam,
Chennai – 603211.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
Kilambakkam All Women Police Station,
Kilambakkam, Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest by the Kilambakkam AWPS, Kilambakkam, Chennai in Crime No. Not Known of 2026.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj

For Respondent(s):

MR.N.PALANIVEL,
GOVT.ADVOCATE (CRL.SIDE)



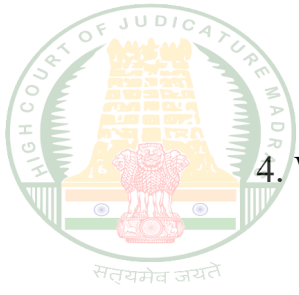
ORDER

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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 85 of BNS, 2023 and Under Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Protection of Harasment of Women Act, 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 petitioner 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 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 Inspector of Police,
Kilambakkam All Women Police Station,
Kilambakkam, Chennai.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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