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Crl.O.P.No.14799 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. J.Mathankumar
2. M.Karthik

... Petitioners

Vs.

State rep by its:
Inspector of Police,
Thiruvannamalai DCB,
District Police Office,
Thiruvannamalai District.
(Cr.No: not known/2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners/accused on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent Police concerned in Crime No.not known of 2026, pending enquiry on the file of the Inspector of Police, Thiruvannamalai District Crime Branch, Thiruvannamalai District.

For Petitioners : Mr. A.T.Anbu Kumar

For Respondent : Mr. N.Palanivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 318(4) and 351 of BNS (U/Sec.420 and 506(1) of IPC) in Crime No. Not known of 2026, seek anticipatory bail.

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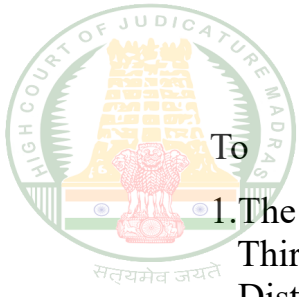
2. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petition enquiry is pending against the petitioners.

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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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
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Thiruvannamalai District.

2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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