



CrI.O.P.No.17213 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.17213 of 2023
and
CrI.M.P.Nos.11106 & 11107 of 2023

Vijayalakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sankari Salem Division,
Salem District.
2. State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Magudanchavadi Police Station,
Salem District.
3. Ravi

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records and quash all the proceedings against the petitioner Spl.S.C.No.17 of 2020, on the file of the Principal Sessions Court (The Special Judge for SC/ST Act Cases), Salem.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Vasudevan

For R1 & R2 : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

For R3 : Mr.P.Asai Thambi



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ORDER

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The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings pending against the petitioner in Spl.S.C.No.17 of 2020 on the file of the Principal Sessions Court, Salem.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that the trial in this case has already commenced and that 12 witnesses out of 52 witnesses have been examined.

3. Taking note of the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) that the trial has already commenced in this matter, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the trial proceedings at this stage.

4. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a lady aged about 73 years and that none of the witnesses has spoken about her during their evidence. Therefore, he sought the indulgence of this Court, to dispense with the personal appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court.



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5. Given the stage of the case which is sought to be quashed, the

Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. However, finding justification in the plea of the learned counsel for the petitioner qua the petitioner's personal appearance, the personal appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court is dispensed with, except for receipt of copies, answering the charges, questioning under Section 313 Cr.P.C., passing of judgment, or any other date as may be required by the trial Court. The petitioner shall be duly represented by her counsel before the trial Court on all hearing dates.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The Special Judge for SC/ST Act Cases,
The Principal Sessions Court, Salem.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sankari Salem Division,
Salem District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Magudanchavadi Police Station,
Salem District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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