



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 15489 of 2026

1. Mohanraj Kumar
2. Vishnupriyan

..Petitioners

Vs

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station (Crime),
Salem - 636 001.

..Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No. Not known of 2026 on the file of the Salem Town Police Station, (Crime) the respondent herein in the above case.

For Petitioners:

Mr.S.Yuvaraj

For Respondent:

Mr.N.Palanivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 318(4) of BNS 2023 (Old sections 420 of Indian Penal Code), 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 petition enquiry



in CSR number is pending against the petitioners.

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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 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 Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station (Crime), Salem - 636 001.

2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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