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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL RC Nos. 1452, 1453, 1455 & 1466 of 2025

and

CRL MP NO. 15641 OF 2025, CRL MP NO. 15608 OF 2025,

CRL MP NO. 15607 OF 2025, CRL MP NO. 15616 OF 2025

CRL RC No. 1452 of 2025

The State of Tamil Nadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch CID,
Metro Wing-II,
Egmore, Chennai-08.
Cr.No.14/2023

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

B.M.Muthuvel @ B.M.Reddy @ Muthukrishnan
S/o.Daniel Singaiah,
No.1, Indira Nagar,
North Jaganatha Nagar,
Villivakkam, Chennai-49.

..Respondent(s)

CRL RC No. 1453 of 2025

State of Tamilnadu Rep By
Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch CID,
Headquarters,
Egmore, Chennai-08.
Crime No.17 of 2023.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

B.M.Reddy @ B.M Muthuvel @ Muthukrishnan
M/a.44 years,
S/o. Daniel, Singaiah,
No.1, Indira nagar,



Villivakkam, Chennai 600049.

..Respondent(s)

CRL RC No. 1455 of 2025

State of Tamil Nadu Rep by, Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch CID, Head quarters, Egmore,
Chennai - 08. (Cr.No.16/2023)

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Muthukrishnan @ B.M.Reddy @ B.M.Muthuvel
M/a.44 years, S/o. Danielsingaiyah,
No.1, Indira Nagar, North Jaganatha Nagar,
Villivakkam, Chennai - 49.

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CRL RC No. 1466 of 2025

State of Tamilnadu Rep By
The Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch CID,
Metro Wing-II,
Egmore, Chennai - 08.
Cr.No.15 of 2023

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

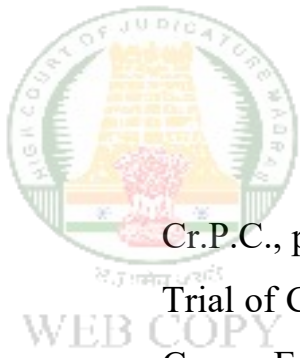
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CRL RC No. 1452 of 2025

Criminal Revision Case filed under Sections 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C., praying to set aside the order passed by the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases (Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai, in Crl.M.P.No.56516/2024 dated 28.07.2025.

CRL RC No. 1453 of 2025



Criminal Revision Case filed under Sections 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C., praying to set aside the order passed by the Learned MM, for Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases (Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai in Crl.M.P.No.56517 of 2024 dated 28.07.2025 and direct the Learned Magistrate to accept the final report.

CRL RC No. 1455 of 2025

Criminal Revision Case filed under Sections 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C., praying to set aside the order passed by the Learned metropolitan magistrate, For Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases (Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai in Crl.MP.No.56522/2024 dated 28.07.2025 and direct the Learned Magistrate to accept the final report.

CRL RC No. 1466 of 2025

Criminal Revision Case filed under Sections 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C., praying to set aside the order passed by the Learned Metropolitan Magistrate, for Exclusive Trial of CCB cases (Relating to Cheating cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro cases, Egmore, Chennai in Crl.M.P.No.56521 of 2024, dated 28.07.2025 and direct the Learned Magistrate to accept the final report and pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
in all Crl.R.Cs'

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Abdul Hameed
Senior Counsel
For Mr.K.V.Shanmuga Sundaram
For M/s AAV Partners
in all Crl.R.Cs'



COMMON ORDER

These Criminal Revision Cases have been filed challenging the common order passed by the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases (Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai, in Crl.M.P.Nos.56516, 56517, 56522 and 56521 of 2024 dated 28.07.2025, whereby the learned Magistrate closed the FIRs on the ground that the final reports were not filed within the time stipulated earlier.

2. Since the issues involved in all these revisions are identical, they are disposed of by this common order.

3. The facts leading to the filing of the above revisions are as follows:

a) Four FIRs were registered against the respondents for the offences under Sections 406, 419, 420 and 120(B) IPC in Crime No.14 of 2023; under Sections 406, 420 and 506(1) IPC in Crime No.17 of 2023; under Sections 406, 420 and 506(1) IPC in Crime No.16 of 2023; and under Sections 409, 420, 506(1) and 120(B) IPC in Crime No.15 of 2023.

b) On a petition filed by one of the de facto complainants, this Court, in W.P.No.23702 of 2023, by order dated 15.09.2023, had transferred the investigation to CBCID and directed the Additional DGP to form a Special



Team for investigating all the four cases and to conduct and complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.

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c) Thereafter, the respondents herein filed CrI.M.P.Nos.39936, 39938, 39939 and 40184 of 2024 under Section 173 Cr.P.C., seeking a direction to file the final reports in Cr.Nos.14 to 17 of 2023 expeditiously in terms of the order passed by this Court. The learned Magistrate, by order dated 18.07.2024, directed the respondents to file the final reports within a period of two months. Challenging the said orders, the prosecution filed CrI.M.P.No.1844 of 2024 and CrI.R.C.SR.No.65780 of 2024; CrI.M.P.No.18279 of 2024 and CrI.R.C.SR.No.65779 of 2024; CrI.M.P.No.18443 of 2024 and CrI.R.C.SR.No.65778 of 2024; and CrI.M.P.No.18636 of 2024 and CrI.R.C.SR.No.65783 of 2024. This Court, by orders dated 24.03.2025, 13.02.2025 and 14.02.2025 in the petitions filed to condone the delay, had observed that if the respondents did not file the final reports within the time fixed by the learned Magistrate, the entire proceedings in Crime Nos.14 to 17 of 2023 shall be quashed.

d) Thereafter, from time to time, the petitioners sought extension of time, which was allowed by the learned Magistrate, and the final extension was granted till 28.07.2025.

e) Since the respondents did not file the final reports on 28.07.2025, the learned Magistrate passed the impugned orders closing the FIRs.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the petitioners would submit that the charge sheets were filed through e-filing on 28.07.2025 and therefore the impugned orders passed by the learned Magistrate closing the FIRs cannot be sustained and the State must be permitted to prove its case on merits.

5. The learned Senior Counsel for the respondents, however, would submit that the cases have been pending investigation from the year 2023; that the respondents had taken several extensions of time to file the final reports and had not complied with the directions issued either by this Court or by the learned Magistrate; that no proof has been filed to show that the final reports were filed on 28.07.2025 through e-filing; that the learned Magistrate himself had recorded that the charge sheets had not been filed till 5.45 p.m.; and that there is no infirmity in the said orders, and prayed for dismissal of the revisions.

6. It is no doubt true that this Court, while considering the petitions to condone delay filed by the State against the earlier orders passed by the learned Magistrate, had observed that if the respondents did not file the final reports within the time fixed by the learned Magistrate, the entire proceedings in Crime Nos.14 to 17 of 2023 shall be quashed. It is also seen that thereafter several petitions were filed seeking extension of time and the learned Magistrate had



granted time till 28.07.2025.

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7. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) has produced proof to show that the final reports were uploaded in the e-filing portal on 28.07.2025 and that memos were also filed before the learned Magistrate stating that the final reports were filed through e-filing, which came to be rejected by the learned Magistrate.

8. It is seen that when these revisions were admitted, this Court granted interim stay of the impugned orders and directed the learned Magistrate to take cognizance of the final reports and proceed with the trial. It is now seen that the learned Magistrate has taken cognizance of the offences and the cases are posted for appearance of the accused.

9. This Court is of the view that all the earlier directions issued by this Court were only to ensure that the investigation was concluded expeditiously and that the observations made in Crl.M.P.No.1844 of 2024 and Crl.R.C.SR.No.65780 of 2024; Crl.M.P.No.18279 of 2024 and Crl.R.C.SR.No.65779 of 2024; Crl.M.P.No.18443 of 2024 and Crl.R.C.SR.No.65778 of 2024; and Crl.M.P.No.18636 of 2024 and



Crl.R.C.SR.No.65783 of 2024 cannot be read to mean that even a day's delay cannot be brooked, assuming that the final reports were not filed within working hours on 28.07.2025. It is now seen that the charge sheets have been filed. It is well settled that when substantial justice is pitted against procedural irregularities, the former should prevail. Hence, this Court is of the view that the parties have to adjudicate their rights on merits.

10. Accordingly, the impugned orders passed in Crl.M.P.Nos.56516, 56517, 56522 and 56521 of 2024 dated 28.07.2025 are set aside. The learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases (Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai, is directed to proceed with the trials in accordance with law.

11. In the result, these Criminal Revision Cases stand allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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(Relating to Cheating Cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro Cases,
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Egmore, Chennai - 08.
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Metro Wing-II,
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- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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