



CrI.O.P.No.30129 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.01.2026

CORAM:

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

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V.Rajendran

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ranipet,
Ranipet District.

2.Surrender

...Respondents

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to direct the Special Court
for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases, Vellore, Vellore District to dispose
of the case in Spl.S.C.No.82 of 2020 within a stipulated period.

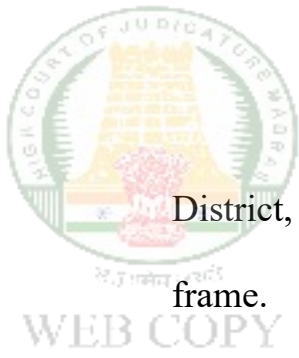
For Petitioner : Mr.M.Sathish Kumar

For R1 : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Additional Public Prosecutor

For R2 : No appearance

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction
to the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases, Vellore, Vellore



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District, to dispose of the case in Spl.S.C.No.82 of 2020 within a time frame.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the 1st respondent submitted that the case was originally taken on file as Spl.S.C.No.82 of 2020, on the file of the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases, Vellore, Vellore District. Subsequently, the case was transferred to the file of the Principal District Judge, Ranipet. He further submitted that the trial has commenced and that the case is now posted for examination of the Investigation Officer on 30.01.2026.

3. Heard learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

4. It is pertinent to state that a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in the case of *High Court Bar Association, Allahabad vs. State of Uttar Pradesh* reported in (2024) 6 SCC 267, has held that the constitutional courts, in the ordinary course, should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other court. The relevant portion of the said decision for the sake of ready



reference is reproduced below:

"47.3. Constitutional courts, in the ordinary course, should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other courts. Constitutional courts may issue directions for the time-bound disposal of cases only in exceptional circumstances. The issue of prioritising the disposal of cases should be best left to the decision of the courts concerned where the cases are pending."

(emphasis supplied by this Court).

5. It has also been held in the aforesaid extracted portion that in exceptional circumstances, constitutional courts may issue directions for time bound disposal of cases.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of this case and also considering that the case is of the year 2019 and the same has been pending for the past seven years, this Court directs the learned Principal District Judge, Ranipet, to dispose of the case, which was transferred from the file of the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases, Vellore, Vellore District in Spl.S.C.No.82 of 2020, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this



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7. With the above direction, this criminal original petition stands disposed of.

28.01.2026

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1.The Principal District Judge, Ranipet

2.The Special Court for Exclusive Trial of SC and ST cases, Vellore, Vellore District.

3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ranipet,
Ranipet District.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai.



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