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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.10.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP Crl. No. 2641 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012233162026}

Muthuvel @ Muthu Krishnan
S/o Danial Singaiah,
No.1, Indira Nagar,
Villivakkam, Chennai - 49.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. State rep. by
   The Commissioner of Police
   Greater Chennai Corporation,
   Chennai.

2. The Assistant Commissioner of Police
   Kolathur Range, Chennai.

3. The Inspector of Police
   V-4, Rajamangalam Police Station,
   Chennai.

..Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to remove/delete my name from the History Sheet No.6 of 2024 dated 23.03.2024 on the file of the 3rd respondent within a stipulated time.

For Petitioner: Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj

For Respondents: Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

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ORDER

The petitioner challenges the history sheet that has been opened against him in History Sheet No.6/2024 on 23.03.2024. The petitioner was implicated in as many as eleven cases. Out of this, Crime Nos.239 of 2022, 473 of 2022, 836 of 2021, 503 of 2011, 16 of 2023, 17 of 2023 and 219 of 2023 have resulted in either acquittal or discharge. On the recommendation of the third respondent dated 23.03.2024, the second respondent opened a history sheet against the petitioner. The grievance of the petitioner is that extensions have been made in an automaton manner without adherence to the Tamil Nadu Police Standing Orders. Hence, the present writ petition.

2. When the matter came up for admission, I called upon Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar to go on record by way of a counter. The third respondent has filed a counter. The counter narrates the history of criminal cases lodged against the petitioner and seeks for retention of the history sheet. Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar has been kind enough to produce the Register of History Sheet maintained against the petitioner.

3. I heard Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj for the petitioner and Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar for the respondents. I have gone through the records.

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4. I need not trouble myself on the law as it has been settled by two judgments of this Court in **Thirumurugan Vs. Superintendent of Police, Madurai (2020 SCC OnLine Mad 6675)** and **Sabari @ Sabarigiri vs. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Anna Nagar, Madurai** (**2018 (4) MLJ Crl. 585)**. The position of law laid down in both the cases is that mere pendency of a criminal case should not result in opening of a history sheet and even if such a history sheet is opened, it should be periodically reviewed and names of persons who are no longer a threat to public peace must be removed. In other words, there must be an application of mind at the time of opening of the history sheet and the same amount of care and caution must be exercised each time the history sheet is continued.

5. A perusal of the Register shows that the second respondent has mechanically endorsed the extension of history sheet against the writ petitioner. This certainly falls foul on the law laid down by this Court in the aforesaid judgments. That being the position, I am constrained to interfere and the writ petition is allowed. There shall be a direction to the respondents to remove the name of the petitioner from the list of history sheeters forthwith.

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3.The Inspector of Police
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4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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