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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP Crl. Nos. 2906 & 2909 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012306562026}

V.Shridevi
No.11/7,
3rd Cross Street,
West CIT Nagar,
Chennai.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner of Police
   Greater Chennai Range,
   Office of the Police Commissionerate,
   No.132, EVK Sampath Road,
   Vepery,
   Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police
   G3, Kilpauk Police Statiuon,
   Chennai.

3. The Branch Manager
   Punjab National Bank,
   Taylors Road Branch,
   No.44, Taylors Road,
   Kilpauk,
   Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

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W.P.(Crl.) No.2909 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012307232026}

Case QR

V.Malini
No.11/7, 3rd Cross Street,
West CIT Nagar, Chennai

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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Prayer in W.P.Crl.No.2906 of 2026: To issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, or Direction in the nature of a Writ, directing

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the 1st Respondent to consider and dispose of the Petitioners ' representation dated 23.08.2026 caused u/s.173(4) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, within a time frame to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court and further restraining the 3rd Respondent from enforcing an illegal lien or debiting Savings Account No.1092006900002841 pending investigation of the same and pass such further or other orders.

W.P.Crl.No.2909 of 2026: To issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order, or Direction in the nature of a Writ, directing the 1st Respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner representation dated 23.08.2026 caused under Section 173 (4) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, within a time frame to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court and further restraining the 3rd Respondent Bank from enforcing an illegal lien or debiting Savings Account No. 1092006900002559 and directing the restoration of the petitioners CIBIL credit score pending investigation of the gold and pass such further or other orders as this Honble court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of Justice.

In both WPs

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Pravesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Crl. Side) for R1 and R2

COMMON ORDER

The petitioner in both the writ petitions alleged that they had pledged jewels as security with the Punjab National Bank/third respondent. When they went to redeem the jewels, they were informed that the jewels were missing from the custody of the bank. In place of the genuine jewels that had been

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pledged by the petitioners, the jewel packets contained fake/counterfeit jewels. Therefore, the petitioners lodged a complaint with the second respondent police on 23.08.2026. As no action has been initiated, they are before this Court.

2. When the matter was taken up, Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar submitted that even before the complaint was lodged by the petitioners, the authorized representatives of the Punjab National Bank had lodged a complaint and that had been registered by Central Crime Branch, Team I in Crime No.119 of 2026. He states that as the transaction that the petitioners alleged falls within the same category, another FIR cannot be registered.

3. I have carefully considered the submissions on both sides. I have gone through the records.

4. Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar is correct that when an FIR has already been registered, subsequent complaints on the same transaction can only be treated as a statement under Section 183 of BNSS. There shall be a direction to the investigating officer, who is investigating Crime No.119 of 2026, to record the statement of both the petitioners on 05.11.2026 at 03.00 p.m.

5. With the above direction, both the writ petitions are disposed of.

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