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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP Nos.29402 and 29404 of 2026

Bala @ Balamurugan Thesigan,
Residing at C-13, Neisatuo colony,
18/24, South Rathva Veethi,
Manamadurai,
Sivagangai District,
Tamil Nadu-636 606. ...Petitioner (A-4) in Crl.O.P.No.29402 of 2026

Ranjity @ Ranjith Kumar,
S/o.Kumanan,
Kallupatti, Sivagangai,
Sivagangai District,
Tamil Nadu-636 559. ...Petitioner (A-5) in Crl.O.P.No.29404 of 2026

State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Singanallur Police Station,
Singanallur, Coimbatore. ...Respondent in both cases

COMMON PRAYER: Criminal Original Petitions filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in S.C.No.32 of 2021 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Bomb Blast Court, Coimbatore in Crime No.910 of 2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Singanallur Police Station, Coimbatore District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Sheenivasan in both cases
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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COMMON ORDER

These petitioners are arrayed as A4 and A5 in a case involving the offence of murder. The petitioners were absent on 19.11.2021, pursuant to which Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) were issued against them. Thereafter, they appeared before the Trial Court and remained absent for more than four years. It was only in the year 2025 that they were arrested, and they have been in custody since then.

2. The main contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners is that summons had been served on the petitioners, but they failed to appear before the Trial Court. Hence, a report was called for by order dated 15.10.2026.

3. The learned counsel for the respondent submits that, on a perusal of the e-Courts status report available at Page No.18 of the typed set of papers, it is seen that the accused were produced before the Court on 17.03.2020. Therefore, they cannot claim that they were unaware of the proceedings. Similarly, insofar as A5 is concerned, it is seen from Page No.35 of the additional typed set of papers that summons had been served on him and that he had appeared before the Court on 27.01.2021. Therefore, it cannot be contended that the petitioners were unaware of the proceedings or that summons had not been served on them.

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In view of their continuous absence for more than four years, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioners.

4. In Crl.O.P.No.29402 of 2026, the accused (A4) was absent in the year 2021. Due to his absence, the case against him was split up and a new S.C.No. was assigned. He was apprehended only in the year 2025. The case in S.C.No.2022 is now pending for framing of charges.

5. In Crl.O.P.No.29404 of 2026, the accused (A5) is stated to have appeared regularly before the Trial Court. However, he remained absent from the year 2024, pursuant to which an NBW was issued against him. He was arrested on 19.03.2025 and has been in custody since then. Insofar as the case against him is concerned, it was taken on file in S.C.No.32 of 2021, and charges have not yet been framed.

6. Though the petitioners have been in custody for more than one and a half years, no progress has been made in the trial during this period, and the matter is still pending for framing of charges. Therefore, the learned Sessions Judge, Bomb Blast Court, Coimbatore, is directed to frame charges within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and thereafter proceed with the trial and conclude the same at the earliest.

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7. The petitioners are at liberty to renew their bail applications after the framing of charges.

8. Accordingly, these Criminal Original Petitions are dismissed.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Singanallur Police Station,
Singanallur, Coimbatore.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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