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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.11.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

Case QR

CRL OP No. 29409 of 2026
and
Crl.M.P. Nos. 19608 & 19609 of 2026
CNR: {HCMA012407682026}

Anitha Priscilla Jason
W/o Manuel,
No.138, ALS Nagar 4th Street,
Madambakkam,
Chennai – 600 126.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep. By, The Inspector of Police
   Traffic Investigation Wing,
   Chrompet,
   Tambaram,
   Crime No.479 of 2024

2. Manimaran
   S/o Poovaiya,
   No.2/155, Ony Street,
   Punnaivanam Village,
   Kadaiyanallur Taluk,
   Tenkasi.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: To call for the records and quash the proceedings in S.T.C.No.200 of 2026 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Tambaram-Chengalpattu District for the alleged offences punishable under sections 125(a) and 281 of the BNS, 2023 in Crime No.479 of 2024 on the file of the 1st respondent and to

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pass such further orders as this Court may deem fit and proper under the above circumstances of the case and render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Suresh for P.Divakar
N.Pratiek
T.Prashanth

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Amarnath,
Additional Public Prosecutor for R1.

R2 – Notice served – No appearance.

O R D E R

This petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in S.T.C. No. 200 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Tambaram, Chengalpattu District.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor and perused the materials available on record.

3.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant had lodged a complaint on 15.12.2024, alleging that, when the defacto complainant and her father were travelling in motorcycle along the intersection of the GST road in Gandhi Road, from South to North, a Car bearing Registration No.TN 11 BJ 9137, driven by the accused in a rash

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and negligent manner, rammed into the defacto complainant's motorcycle from the rear side and caused an accident. Due to the accident, the defacto complainant and her father sustained injuries and they were taken to hospital for treatment. On receipt of the complaint, the first respondent has registered a FIR in Crime No. 479 of 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 125(a), 281 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. After completion of investigation, the first respondent has filed final report and the same was taken cognizance by the trial Court in S.T.C. No. 200 of 2026. Seeking to quash the same, the present petition has been filed by the accused/petitioner.

4.On perusal of the records, it is revealed that the alleged occurrence took place on 15.12.2024 and the FIR got registered on the same day in Crime No. 479 of 2024 for the offences under Sections 125(a), 281 of B.N.S. However, the first respondent has completed the investigation and filed final report only on 19.02.2026. Both the offences are punishable with the maximum punishment of six months. Therefore, the first respondent ought to have filed the final report within a period of one year from the date of registration of the FIR, as contemplated under Section 514 of B.N.S.S.

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5.Admittedly, in the present case, the final report was filed only on 19.02.2026. Therefore, the trial court ought not to have taken cognizance of the final report, filed beyond the period of limitation. On this sole ground, the entire proceedings cannot be sustained and liable to be quashed.

6.Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and the proceedings in S.T.C. No. 200 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Tambaram, Chengalpattu District is hereby quashed. However, the quashment of the entire proceedings in S.T.C. No. 200 of 2026 is not an impediment for the defacto complainant/second respondent to claim any compensation. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Tambaram, Chengalpattu District.

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2.The Inspector of Police,
Traffic Investigation Wing,
Chrompet,Tambaram.

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

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