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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 G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN**

**CRL OP No. 32627 of 2026**

CNR:{HCMA012688412026}

Muthukrishnan
S/o Govindaraj,
No.1, Ishak Nagar, Kovilpathu,
Karaikal.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep. by,
   The Superintendent of Police (South)
   Karaikal, Puducherry.

2. The Inspector of Police
   PCR Cell,
   Karaikal Police Station,
   Pondicherry.
   Crime No.0001 of 2025.

3. R.Jayaraman
   S/o Ramayan,
   No.52, Chavadi Street,
   Vadamattam, Nedungadu,
   Karaikal, Puducherry.

..Respondent(s)

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to direct the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court SC/ST Act), Karaikal to consider the Petitioner's bail Petition on the date of the application itself by his surrender in Crime No.01 of 2025 registered for the alleged offences U/s.3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(2)(vii) of the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,1989 pending investigation on the file of the 1st Respondent.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.U.Pressanna

For Respondent(s): Mrs.G.Djearany
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
Puducherry

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court SC/ST Act), Karaikal to consider the petitioner's bail petition on the same day of his surrender in connection with Crime No.01 of 2025, since the offences are pertaining to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

2. In view of the specific bar contained under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration of the possibility of misuse of the salutary and laudable object of the legislation against innocent persons, there shall be a direction to the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court SC/ST Act), Karaikal, to consider the petitioner's bail application, preferably on the same day of his surrender in connection with Crime No. 01 of 2025 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity of hearing to the victim as contemplated under Section 15A of the SC/ST Act. The petitioner shall surrender before the concerned jurisdictional Court within a period of fifteen days from the date of the receipt of a copy of this Order.



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3. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail petition shall look into the gravity of the offence, previous antecedents of the petitioner and pass orders. Mere direction issued by this Court to consider the bail petition on the same day does not amount to consider it favourably.

4. With the above direction, the Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To
1. The Principal District and Sessions Judge (Special Court SC/ST Act),
Karaikal.

2. The Superintendent of Police (South)
Karaikal, Puducherry.

3. The Inspector of Police
PCR Cell,
Karaikal Police Station,
Pondicherry.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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**G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN J.**

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