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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL OP No. 33047 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012724372026}

S.Manikam
S/o Semmana Gounder,
Kottai Goundampatti,
Omalur Taluk, Salem District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director General of police
   Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
   Mylapore, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police
   Salem, Salem District.

3. The Assistant Commissioner of Police
   Salem, Salem District.

4. The Superintendent of Police
   Salem District, Salem.

5. The Inspector of Police
   Karuppur Police Station,
   Salem District.

6. The Inspector of Police
   Soramangalam Police Station,
   Salem District.

7. Mani
   S/o Pachiannan Gounder,
   Kotta Goundampatti,
   Omalur Taluk,
   Salem District.

..Respondent(s)

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PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 praying to direct the respondents 2 to 6 to provide a police protection to the petitioner's life and property including arecanut trees by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09-11-2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Abdukumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel for Mr.G.Vigneshwar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar Additional Public Prosecutor For R1 to R6

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 2 to 6 to provide a police protection to the petitioners life and property including arecanut trees by considering the petitioner's representation/complaint dated 09.11.2026.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3.The case of the petitioner/de-facto complainant is that he owns agricultural land situated at Kotta Goundampatti Village, Omalur Taluk, Salem District. and he is cultivating the said land by planting 3,000 arecanut trees. While so, on 05.11.2026, the seventh respondent and his henchmen attempted to dig a pit in the petitioner's land. The seventh respondent also prevented the petitioner's labourers from carrying out agricultural activities. When it was questioned, the seventh respondent and his henchmen threatened the de-facto

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complainant with dire consequences. They also trespassed into the subject property with the intention of grabbing the same. Hence the petitioner lodged a written complaint with the fifth and sixth respondents on 09.11.2026 and also submitted a representation seeking police protection and transfer of the investigation to the higher officials. However, despite receipt of the said complaint, the fifth respondent has not taken any action so far. Hence the petitioner has approached this Court by way of the present petition.

4.In view of the above circumstances, the fifth respondent is directed to conduct an enquiry into the complaint dated 09.11.2026 submitted by the petitioner, after issuing notice to the petitioner, his representatives and the seventh respondent herein, and thereafter provide adequate police protection to the petitioner and his agricultural land, within a period of two weeks from today. The third respondent, namely, the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Salem, Salem District, is directed to monitor the enquiry conducted by the fifth respondent and ensure due compliance with the directions issued by this Court.

5.With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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