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Crl.O.P.No.1771 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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and Crl.M.P.Nos.1147 & 1148 of 2026

1. Kannan
2. Bojarajan
3. Manikandan
4. Samuvel
5. Murugesan
6. Arunkumar
7. Gajendran
8. Anantharaj
9. Velmurugan
10. Madhavan
11. Selvakumar
12. Natarajan

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Perambalur Police Station,
Perambalur District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records in proceedings in S.T.C.No.334 of 2023 pending on the file of the

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learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Perambalur and quash the same along with charge sheet filed by the respondent in so far as the petitioners herein are concerned.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Venkatesan

For Respondent : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in S.T.C.No.334 of 2023 pending on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Perambalur.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 16.08.2022, the petitioners and others, who belong to a political party, without obtaining any prior permission, unlawfully assembled and protested against the arrest of one Kanak Kannan, a member of their party, thereby causing disturbance to the public. Consequently, a case in Crime No.604 of 2022 was registered by the respondent Police for the offences under Sections 143 & 341 IPC. After completion of investigation, the final report was filed before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Perambalur and the learned Magistrate took cognizance of the same and numbered it as S.T.C.No.334 of 2023, which is now sought to be quashed.

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3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the facts of the instant case are similar to the facts of the cases in *Jeevanandham and others vs. The Inspector of Police, Velayuthampalayam Police Station, Karur District* reported in (2018 2 LW (Crl) 606) and *Sri Raja vs Inspector of Police, Sivakasi Town Police Station Virudhunagar District and others (Crl.O.P(MD) No.7922 of 2019, decided on 30.08.2019)*, in which the proceedings were quashed. Hence, he prayed to quash the proceedings pending against the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police endorsed the aforesaid submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the facts of the instant case are akin to the facts in the aforesaid two cases.

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

6. In view of the above, this Court is of the opinion that the above said decisions would apply on all fours to the present case and that no



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useful purpose will be served by keeping the proceedings pending and is
liable to be quashed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings pending against the petitioners in S.T.C.No.334 of 2023, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Perambalur, is hereby quashed as against the petitioners. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Perambalur.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Perambalur Police Station,
Perambalur District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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