



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRL OP(MD) No. 23613 of 2025

and

Crl.M.P.(MD) Nos.20454 & 20456 of 2025

1. C.V. Sekar
- 2.T.M.Kalyanasundaram,
- 3.M.C. Muruganantham,
- 4.Malai Murugesan,
- 5.Rajendran,
- 6.S.K.Udhayakumar
- 7.Bharathidhasan @ V.K.T.Bharathi
8. Asaithambi
- 9.V.Mahalingam
- 10.R.Balachandran
- 11.S.L.Murugesh
- 12.G.Vetrivel
- 13.A.Pichai
- 14.S.Devendran
- 15.R.Rajendran
- 16.S.Chinnappan
- 17.A.Selvaraj
- 18.P.Sundaralingam



19.N.Dhanraj

20.M.Thatchanamoorthis

21.S.Selvanayagam

22.R.Shanmugam,

23.V.Sivasubramanian

24.K.Manoharan

25.S.Kalimuthu

26.A.Gunasekaran

27.N.Neelakandan

28.V.Muthuvel

29.L.Elangovan

30.R.Veerapandian,

31.R.Balasubramani

32.T.Chinnadurai

33.K.Aravazhi

34.R.Ashok Kumar

35.T.Porselvam

36.R.Mahalingam

37.U.Balasubramanian

38.P.Jeyakumar

39.S.Rengasamy

40.K.Raman

41.S.Gunasekaran

42.R.Palanivel

43.K.Natarajan



44.T.Annappan

45.Subha

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police
Town Police Station, Pattukottai,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.1236 of 2022.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of B.N.S.S, to call for the records and quash the charge sheet in S.T.C.No. 42 of 2024 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District, as against the Petitioners herein.

For Petitioners: Mr.D.R.Murugesan

For Respondent: Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash S.T.C.No. 42 of 2024 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 19.10.2022, the petitioners allegedly formed an unlawful assembly without prior permission and conducted a protest condemning the arrest of a former Chief Minister, thereby allegedly causing a public nuisance. Consequently, the respondent police registered a case in Crime No. 1236 of 2022 for offences punishable under Sections 143, 341,



290, and 291 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). After completion of the investigation, the respondent Police filed a charge sheet before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District, who took cognizance of the same and issued summons to the petitioners in S.T.C.No. 42 of 2024, which is now sought to be quashed.

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 No.7922 of 2019, decided on 30.08.2019), in which the proceedings were quashed. Hence, he prayed to quash the summons issued on the petitioners.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the present case was registered due to the protest conducted without obtaining prior permission. He also endorsed the 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. Having heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and



upon perusal of the entire materials available on record, this Court is of the opinion that the above said decisions would apply on all fours to the present case and that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the proceedings pending and the same is liable to be quashed.

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings in S.T.C.No. 42 of 2024 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District, is hereby quashed as against the petitioners. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet:Yes

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District.

2.The Inspector of Police
Town Police Station, Pattukottai,
Thanjavur District.

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



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