



Crl.R.C.(MD)No.671 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **29.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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R.Arumugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. through the Inspector of Police,
Kollidam Police Station,
Tiruchirappalli District.
Crime No.14 of 2026

... Respondents

PRAYER : Revision filed under Section 438 r/w 442 of BNSS, 2023 to call for the records relating to the order of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai in Crl.M.P.No.564 of 2026 dated 11.03.2026 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to return the petitioner's vehicle bearing Registration No.TN 48 EB 8761 (Honda Activa) for interim custody.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ratchaka

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

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This Criminal Revision Petition is filed to set aside the order of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai, in Crl.M.P.No.564 of 2026 dated 11.03.2026 filed by the petitioner under Section 497 of BNSS of 2023.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent filed an FIR in Crime No.14 of 2026 for an alleged offence under Sections 8(c), r/w 20(b)(ii) (B) and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, for illegal transport of drugs through Two Wheeler Honda Activa bearing registration No.TN 48 EB 8761. Subsequently, the petitioner's vehicle was seized. Thereafter, the petitioner filed Crl.M.P.No.564 of 2026 for the return of vehicle before the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai, and the same was dismissed on 11.03.2026.

3. The petitioner preferred this Criminal Revision Petition as against the order dated 11.03.2026 made in Crl.M.P.No. 564 of 2026 on the file of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai, and to set aside the same.



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4. Heard the learned counsels on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent submitted that if the vehicle is returned to the petitioner, there is possibility for the vehicle being used for the commission of similar offence. He also strongly objected to grant interim custody of the vehicle to the petitioner by way filing counter.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the vehicle bearing Registration No. TN 48 EB 8761 is owned by the petitioner and he was not involved in any such offence as alleged by the respondent and if the vehicle is kept in open place, the vehicle will get deteriorated and the value of the vehicle would automatically stand diminished and therefore interim custody of the vehicle may be granted to the petitioner.

7. Considering the fact that if the vehicle is kept in open place exposing to sun and rain, the value of the vehicle will be deteriorated and that no purpose will be served in keeping the vehicle in custody, this Court is inclined to allow



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the revision thereby, setting aside the impugned order dated 11.03.2026 passed in Crl.M.P.No.564 of 2026 by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Revision Case is allowed and the order dated 11.03.2026, passed in Crl.M.P.No. 564 of 2026 by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai, is hereby set aside and the vehicle viz., Two Wheeler Honda Activa bearing Registration No.TN 48 EB 8761, is ordered to be returned to the petitioner for interim custody subject to the confiscation proceedings to be taken by the concerned Department or by the Court on the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai;

(c) The petitioner shall produce the original RC Book of the vehicle before the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai. If the original RC Book



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is in the custody of the finance company, the petitioner shall produce a photocopy of the RC Book, along with an affidavit stating that the original is with the finance company and a letter from the finance company acknowledging such custody.

(d) The petitioner shall give an undertaking before the respondent/ authority concerned stating that he will not use the vehicle in question for any illegal activities in future, failing which the respondent/trial Court is at liberty to confiscate the vehicle;

(e) The petitioner shall not alienate and shall not make any alteration in the vehicle;

(f) The petitioner shall produce the vehicle before the Trial Court once in a month i.e, on 1st Monday of every English calendar month.

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NCC : Yes / No
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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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TO:-

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kollidam Police Station,
Tiruchirappalli District.
2. The Additional District and Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer,
Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Pudukkottai.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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Dated
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