



CrI.OP(MD) No.7468 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
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DATED : 17.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

CrI.O.P.(MD)No.7468 of 2026

G.Joseph Jeyaseelan

... Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu
Rep.By,
The Inspector of Police,
Keerathurai Police Station,
Madurai
Crime No.571 of 2016

...Respondent

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/528 of BNSS, to direct the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.IV, Madurai to dispose of the case in CC No.391of 2018, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Mohammed Imran
For Respondent : Mr.R.Meeaksshi Sundaram
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioner/defacto complainant in CC No.391of 2018, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.IV, Madurai has filed this petition, seeking a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial in the above case, within a stipulated time.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner by referring to the earlier order passed by this Court in WP(MD) No. 16383 of 2018, dated 26.11.2024 submits that this Court has already issued a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of that order. However, the trial in the above said case has not been concluded so far. Hence, he seeks a suitable direction.

3.Mr.R.Meeaksshi Sundaram, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, who takes notice for the respondent submits that the witnesses LW 1 to LW 9 were already examined and the case in CC No.391 of 2018 is posted to 23.04.2026 for examination of the investigating officer.



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4.This Court considered the rival submissions made and also perused the materials placed on record.

5.Admittedly, the case in CC No.391 of 2018 is of the year 2018. The trial Courts are expected to give priority to the old cases. It is reported that this Court in WP(MD) No.16383 of 2018, dated 26.11.2024 has already directed the trial Court concerned to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of that order, however, the order of this Court has not been complied with. It is very unfortunate that the petitioner was constrained to file this petition for the very same relief, which was already granted by this Court. Since it is reported that the trial in CC No.391 of 2018 has been almost completed and it is posted for examination of the investigating officer alone, the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.IV, Madurai is directed to conclude the trial in the above case, as directed by this Court, in its earlier order, dated 26.11.2024 in WP(MD) No.16383 of 2018.



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6.With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition is

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disposed of.

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NCC : Yes/No

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate Court No.IV, Madurai

2.The Inspector of Police,
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