



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 04.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

CrI.OP.(MD)No.10013 of 2026

and

CrI.M.P(MD)No.10034 of 2026

J. Varghese

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Executive Magistrate Cum Tahsildar,
Kalkulam Taluk,
Thuckalaym,
Kanyakumari District.

2. State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thuckalay Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS Act, to call for the records of the summon vide Thuckalay P.S.LIR.No. 42/2026 U/s. 129 of BNSS dated 18.03.2026 on the file of the 1st respondent quash the same.

For Petitioner : M/s.C.T.Perumal

For Respondents : M/s.P.Samuel Gunasingh
Counsel for State of TN(CrI.side)

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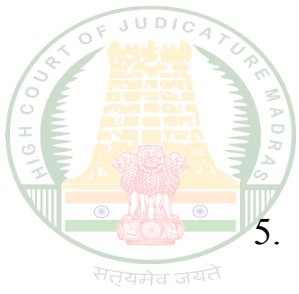
ORDER

The present petition has been filed seeking to quash the summons issued under Section 129 of BNSS.

2. According to the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, he is involved in one criminal case and the same is pending and he has not been convicted in any one of the criminal cases.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner relies upon a decision of this Court in ***Crl.OP(MD)No.20725 of 2021, dated 11.01.2022, M.Thangamalai and 2 others, Vs. Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate cum Revenue Divisional Officer and another***, wherein this Court was pleased to hold that only when the person is declared as the habitual offender as contemplated under Section 2(4) of Tamil Nadu Restriction of Habitual Offenders Act, 1948, Section 129 can be invoked.

4. I have considered the submissions made on either side and perused the materials available on record.



5. As rightly pointed out by the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, so far he has not been convicted in any one of the criminal cases and therefore, the petitioner would not fall within the definition of habitual offender as contemplated under Section 2(4) of the Tamil Nadu Restriction of Habitual Offenders Act, 1948 and in such circumstances, the summons have been issued under Section 129 of BNSS without any jurisdiction and therefore, the same is liable to be quashed.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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To

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The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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