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State of Tamilnadu
In the Court of Sessions, Tenkasi Division
Before the Principal Sessions Judge, Tenkasi.
PRESENT: THIRU. B.RAJAVEL, B.SC.,B.L.,
Principal Sessions Judge, Tenkasi
Thursday the 26th day of March 2026
CRL.M.P.No. 2799/2025
in
CRL.M.P.No.1483/2025

T.Suresh (aged 24/2025)
S/o Thangapandi,
11-A Dr.Ambethkar 6th street,
Sinthamani,
Puliyangudi 627855.

.... Petitioner

/Vs./

State: The Inspector of Police,
Puliyangudi Police Station,

... Respondent

This petition is coming on this day for hearing before me in the presence of Thiru.C.Sureshkumar, Advocate for the petitioner and Thiru.S.Marikutty, the Public Prosecutor for respondent and on hearing both sides arguments and perusal of entire case records, this court delivered the following...

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It is therefore prayed that this court may be pleased to: Review and/or suitably modify the earlier order;

Direct the Inspector of Police, Puliyangudi Police Station, to register FIR forthwith based on the petitioner's complaint; and

Pass such further or other orders as this court may deem fit and proper.

The petition averments in brief are as follows:

The petitioner respectfully submits that this court had already passed an order dated 20.06.2025 directing the registration of a First Information Report. However, the said direction has not been complied with by the Inspector of Police, Puliyangudi Police Station.

It is further submitted that under the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, particularly Sections 15A and 18A, the police are mandatory required to register an FIR without conducting any preliminary enquiry. Failure to discharge such statutory duty attracts penal consequences under Section 4 of the said Act.

The petitioner submits that the earlier direction appears to have been communicated to higher authorities instead of being directly addressed to the Station House Officer. As the Station House Officer alone is the competent authority to register an FIR, such procedural lapse has resulted in non-compliance. The respondent has thus failed to discharge the statutory obligation and has not complied with the order of this court.

The points for determination is whether this petition is allowed or not?

This petition is styled as a Review Petition. While this Court has consistently held that a review petition is not maintainable under the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the present petition is treated as one seeking appropriate directions for effective compliance of the earlier order dated 20.06.2025.

It is brought to the notice of this Court that, pursuant to the earlier order dated 20.06.2025, a communication had been issued. However, the said communication was addressed to the Superintendent of Police, Tenkasi, instead

of being directly addressed to the Inspector of Police, Puliyangudi Police Station, who is the jurisdictional Station House Officer and the competent authority to register the FIR.

The petitioner has contended that the Inspector of Police has not complied with the order on the ground that no specific direction was issued to her. However, no material has been placed before this Court to substantiate that any such stand has been taken by the Inspector of Police after receipt of the Court's order. Therefore, the said contention is not supported by any record.

At the same time, it is evident that the direction issued by this Court has not been complied with.

This Court further observes that the statutory duty to register a First Information Report lies with the jurisdictional Station House Officer, and such obligation cannot be avoided.

In view of the non-compliance on the part of the police authorities, this Court deems it appropriate directions to ensure effective implementation of its earlier order.

Accordingly, this Court hereby directs as follows:

A fresh copy of the order dated 20.06.2025 shall be issued directly to the Inspector of Police, Puliyangudi Police Station.

The Inspector of Police, Puliyangudi Police Station, is directed to comply with the order strictly and in accordance with law.

With the above directions, the petition stands disposed off.

Pronounced by me in open court, this the 26th day of March 2026.

PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
TENKASI.

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Dated: 26.03.2026