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ITEM NO.4

COURT NO.9

SECTION IIA

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI) No(s).3338/2012
(From the judgement and order dated 18/04/2012 in CROP No.604/2012, of The
HIGH COURT OF MADRAS)

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE BY INSP.OF POLICE

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for anticipatory bail,permission to file additional
documents and office report)

with

CRLMP No. 4864/2013 (appln. for impleadment)

WITH SLP(CrI) NO. 3495 of 2012

(With appln(s) for anticipatory bail and office report)

SLP(CrI) NO. 4261 of 2012

(With appln(s) for anticipatory bail and office report)

Date: 04/03/2013 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.S. THAKUR

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Application for impleadment is allowed.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties at some length and also perused the order passed by the High Court. We had by different interim orders, passed in these proceedings from time to time protected the petitioners against arrest in connection with the criminal proceedings in F.I.R. No. 591 of 2011 dated 15.12.2011 registered with the Police Station, CCB XVII, District Chennai, Tamil

Nadu. That protection can in our opinion be extended for a limited period to enable the petitioners to file appropriate application (s) for grant of regular bail before the competent court.

We, accordingly, direct that the interim protection given to the petitioners shall continue but only for a period of two weeks from today, during which time the petitioners shall be free to apply for regular bail before the court concerned. The prayer for regular bail shall then be considered by the competent court uninfluenced by any observation made by the High Court in the order impugned before us, or the fact that we have granted interim protection to the petitioners against arrest. We make it clear that this order shall not prevent the investigating officer from summoning the petitioners in connection with the investigation and questioning them regarding any matter considered relevant to the accusations made against them, in which event, the petitioners shall on receipt of any such summons from the investigating officer comply with the same and co-operate with the investigating agency.

With these observations, these special leave petitions are disposed off.

| (N.K. GOEL)
| COURT MASTER

| | (VEENA KHERA)
| | COURT MASTER

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