# Legal Case Summary: A. Shankar @ Savukku Shankar vs State of Tamil Nadu (2025)

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Citation: 2025 INSC 284

Court: Supreme Court of India

Date of Judgment: 24 February 2025

Bench: Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice Sanjay Kumar

## Facts of the Case:

- The petitioner, A. Shankar @ Savukku Shankar, faced multiple FIRs registered across different police stations in Tamil Nadu.  
- The primary FIR (Crime No. 123/2024) was filed at the Cyber Crime Police Station, Coimbatore City, under Section 509 IPC, Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, and Section 67 of the IT Act.  
- The petitioner filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court seeking consolidation and proper handling of the investigations.

## Procedural History:

- Multiple FIRs were registered against the petitioner at various police stations.  
- Petitioner moved the Supreme Court seeking unified investigation and protection from harassment.  
- The Court passed an earlier order on 11.11.2022 in Criminal Appeal No. 1845/2022, which remains binding on the petitioner.

## Issues before the Court:

1. Whether multiple FIRs related to similar allegations could be consolidated for investigation.  
2. Whether the petitioner should be protected from repetitive or harassing investigations.  
3. Whether directions could be issued to streamline the investigation process.

## Judgment:

- The Supreme Court disposed of the writ petition with specific directions for ongoing and transferred investigations.  
- Crime No. 123/2024 at Coimbatore Cyber Crime Police Station shall be the central investigation case.  
- Fifteen other FIRs across Tamil Nadu were ordered to be transferred to and investigated together with Crime No. 123/2024.  
- One FIR (Crime No. 10/2024 at Trichy AWPS Cantonment) was allowed to continue separately as it concerned a different incident.  
- The petitioner was reminded to comply with the previous order of the Court dated 11.11.2022.

## Key Legal Findings:

1. Consolidation: The Court recognized the need to consolidate FIRs of similar nature to avoid duplicity and harassment.  
2. Jurisdictional Clarity: Transfer of all connected FIRs to Coimbatore City ensures efficiency in investigation.  
3. Due Process: The Court emphasized that it had not commented on the merits or the manner of investigation.  
4. Rights of Parties: Any breach of the Court's previous order may invite fresh proceedings.  
5. Administrative Streamlining: A single investigating officer will now handle all related crimes under one roof.

## Final Decision:

✅ Writ petition disposed of  
✅ Fifteen FIRs transferred to Cyber Crime PS, Coimbatore  
✅ Crime No. 123/2024 to be investigated centrally  
✅ Crime No. 10/2024 to proceed independently  
✅ Reminder of compliance with previous Court order  
✅ No comment on merits of investigation  
✅ All pending applications disposed of