

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALEXANDER THOMAS

WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2015/3RD ASHADHA, 1937

Crl.MC.No. 3692 of 2015 ()

LP.NO.20/2012 OF JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE COURT-I, ALAPPUZHA.

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PETITIONER/ACCUSED NOS. 1 AND 2:

- 1. SAMEER BABU, AGED 42 YEARS,
S/O.SAINUDHEEN, THANUJA MANZIL,
LAJANATH WARD, ALAPPUZHA.**
- 2. SABU, AGED 37 YEARS,
S/O.SAINUDHEEN, THANUJA MANZIL,
LAJANATH WARD, ALAPPUZHA.**

BY ADV. SRI.B.PRAMOD.

RESPONDENTS/STATE & COMPLAINANT:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA,
REP. BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM.**
- 2. BIJI SAMEER, W/O.SAMEER BABU,
THANUJA MANZIL, LAJANATH WARD,
ALAPPUZHA.**

**R1 BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SMT.S. HYMA.
R2 BY ADV. SRI.P.SHANES METHAR.**

**THIS CRIMINAL MISC. CASE HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 24-06-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE
FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S ANNEXURES:-

**ANNEXURE-I: CERTIFIED COPY OF THE CHARGE-SHEET IN CRIME NO.724/09
OF ALAPPUZHA SOUTH POLICE STATION.**

ANNEXURE-II: TRUE COPY OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT.

RESPONDENT'S ANNEXURES:- NIL.

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P.S. TO JUDGE

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ALEXANDER THOMAS, J.

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Dated this the 24th day of June, 2015

O R D E R

The petitioners herein are accused Nos.1 and 2 in the impugned Anx.I final report/charge sheet in Crime No.724/2009 of Alappuzha South Police Station, registered for offences punishable under Secs.465, 468 and 420 read with Sec.34 of the I.P.C, which has led to the institution of L.P.No.20/2012 on the file of the Judicial First Class Magistrate's Court-I, Alappuzha. It is stated that now the entire disputes between the petitioners and 2nd respondent defacto complainant have been settled amicably and that the 2nd respondent has sworn to Anx.A-II affidavit before this Court, wherein it is stated that he has settled the entire disputes with the petitioners and that he has no objection for quashment of the impugned criminal proceedings pending against the petitioners. It is in the light of these aspects that the petitioners have preferred the instant Crl.M.C. with the prayer to quash the impugned criminal proceedings against them.

2. In a catena of decisions, the Apex Court has held that, in appropriate cases involving even non-compoundable offences, the High Court can quash prosecution by exercise of the powers under Sec.482 of the Cr.P.C., if the parties have really settled the whole dispute or if the continuance of the prosecution will not serve any purpose. Here, this Court finds a real case of settlement between the parties and it is also found that continuance of the prosecution in such a situation will not serve any purpose other than wasting the precious time of the court, when the case ultimately comes before the court. On a perusal of the petition and on a close scrutiny of the investigation materials on record and the affidavit of settlement and taking into account the attendant facts and circumstances of this case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the legal principles laid down by the Apex Court in the cases as in *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab* reported in 2013 (1) SCC (Cri) 160 = (2012) 10 SCC 303 and *Narinder Singh and others v. State of Punjab and anr.* reported in (2014) 6 SCC 466, more particularly paragraph 29 thereof, could be applied in this case to consider the prayer for quashment. Accordingly, it is ordered in the interest of justice that the impugned Anx.I final report/charge sheet in Crime No.724/2009 of Alappuzha

South Police Station, which has led to the institution of L.P.No.20/2012 on the file of the Judicial First Class Magistrate's Court-I, Alappuzha and all further proceedings arising therefrom pending against the petitioners stand quashed.

With these observations and directions this Crl.M.C. stands finally disposed of.

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Sd/-
ALEXANDER THOMAS, JUDGE

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P.S. to Judge