

HON'BLE Dr. JUSTICE B. SIVA SANKARA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12489 of 2014

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ORDER :

The Criminal Petition is filed by the petitioners/respondents under Section 482 Cr.P.C to quash the proceedings in D.V.C. No.32 of 2014 which was presented by the 2nd respondent/defacto-complainant under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

2. Heard the learned counsel for petitioners and the respondents and perused the material on record. No doubt, the learned counsel for the petitioners (respondents in D.V.C) placed reliance on the expression of the Apex Court in **Ashish Dixit and Others v. State of Uttar Pradesh and another**^[1]. Undisputedly, the scope of Section 29 of the Domestic Violence Act is not referred therein even much less came for consideration but for the general observation saying the refusal to entertain the quash saying not connected with offence in the domestic violence is not sustainable (It is because the procedure is almost akin to Section 125 of Cr.PC and quasi criminal in nature). It is needless to say the remedy is to file an appeal against the order in D.V.C as per Section 29 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act as an efficacious remedy is any order includes taken on file by the learned Magistrate by application of mind. In fact, the Apex Court in **State of Haryana v. Bhajan Lal**^[2] laid down the seven guidelines which include showing of no other alternative or efficacious remedy as per clause (f) of (a to g) to maintain the quash proceedings. Here, once there is an efficacious appeal remedy provided undisputedly even to impugn the taking of cognizance (taken on file) of the matter for the relief sought, such order to impugn before Court of Sessions, this Court is not inclined

to stretch its hand to admit for quash the proceedings.

3. In the result, the Criminal Petition is disposed of giving liberty to the petitioners to move the trial Court to dispense with their personal presence by representing one on behalf of all by invoking Rule 37 of Criminal Rules of Practice or Section 205 Cr.P.C or Section 126(2) Cr.P.C if not dispensed with under Section 126(2) Cr.P.C of their presence to record the evidence in the presence of their advocate and in such an event, the learned Magistrate after hearing shall consider and allow the same with necessary conditions. Needless to say as the petitioners instead of filing an appeal before the Sessions Judge approached this Court, the appellate Court can entertain the appeal with an application to condone the delay beyond one month invoking Section 14 of the Limitation Act.

4. Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, in the Criminal Petition shall stand closed.

Dr. B. SIVA SANKARA RAO, J

Date:21.07.2015

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[\[1\]](#) (2013) 4 SCC 176

[\[2\]](#) AIR 1992 SC 604