



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.07.2016

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE S.VIMALACrl.O.P.(MD) No.12209 of 2016

1. Navajothi @ Jothi
2. Aravindh

... Petitioners/A1 & A2

-vs-

1. State represented by
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Elanjambur Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.50/2016). ...1st Respondent/Complainant

2. Kumarandi ...2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant
3. Panchavarnam ...3rd Respondent/Victim

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure to quash the FIR in Crime No.50 of 2016 on the file of the 1st respondent / complainant.

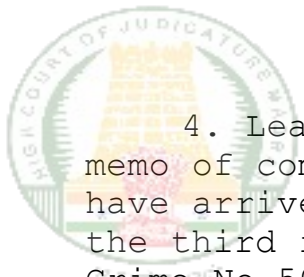
For Petitioners : Mr.R.Venkateswaran
For R1 : Mr.A.P.Balasubramani
Govt. Advocate (Crl.Side)
For R2 : Mr.S.Sivabalan

O R D E R

Section 482 Cr.P.C., saves inherent power of the Court. Such inherent power can be exercised either to prevent the abuse of the process of the Court or otherwise to secure the ends of justice. Invoking such inherent power, this petition has been filed to quash the proceedings on the ground that the continuance would amount to abuse of the process of the Court.

2. A case in Crime No.50 of 2016 has been registered under Sections 429, 341, 506(ii) IPC and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the SC/ST (PoA) Amendment Act, 2005 by the 1st respondent against the petitioners.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the petitioners and the second respondent, appeared in persons and their identifications were also verified by this Court, in addition to the confirmation of the identity of the parties by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) through the respondent police.



4. Learned counsel appearing for the parties filed a joint memo of compromise dated 14.07.2016, duly stating that the parties have arrived at an amicable settlement, under which the second and the third respondents have agreed to withdraw the above case in Crime No.50 of 2016 pending on the file of the first respondent.

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4.1. From the compromise, this Court can safely infer that the chances of the defacto complainant deposing against the petitioners is less and therefore, the chance of conviction of the accused is bleak.

5. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of B.S.Joshi vs. State of Haryana, reported in (2003) 4 SCC 675 held that the High Court can quash the proceedings under Section 482 Cr.P.C., if it comes to the conclusion that ends of justice so requires, i.e. there would be almost no chance of conviction. Thus, B.S.Joshi's case provided a creative solution for quashing of proceedings under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

6. Therefore, considering, a) the nature of relationship between the parties, b) nature of offences alleged c) the settlement arrived at and d) the ultimate result of the prosecution, this Court is of the view that quashing of the First Information Report will be in the ends of justice and accordingly, the same is ordered to be quashed.

7. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and the entire proceedings in Crime No.50 of 2016 dated 19.06.2016 on the file of the 1st respondent police in respect of the petitioners are hereby quashed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Elanjambur Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.

2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1cc to M/s.R.Venkateswaran, Advocate SR.No.37615

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