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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 30.11.2016

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KALYANASUNDARAM

Crl.O.P.(MD) No.5199 of 2013

and

M.P(MD) No.1 & 2 of 2013

R.Jakkaiappan

... Petitioner/A2

-Vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Theni.

(Crime No.20 of 2007)

... Respondent/Complainant

2.R.S.Muthiah

... Respondent/defacto complainant

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records pertaining to the criminal case in C.C.No.4 of 2009, on the file of the Special Judge under the TNPID Act at Madurai and to quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.S.Palanivel Rajan

For R1

: Mr.K.Anbarasan

Government Advocate(Crl.Side)

ORDER

This petition has been filed to quash the Criminal case in C.C.No.4 of 2009, on the file of the Special Judge under TNPID Act, Madurai.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the State and perused the records.

3. It is mainly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the respondent police has no power to investigate the case registered under the provisions of TNPID Act and it has to be done only by the Revenue Divisional Officer/Competent Authority as per Section 2(1) of TNPID Act.



4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) on instructions, would submit that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had already considered and rejected the grounds raised in the quash petition.

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5. Perusal of the records would reveal that there are prima facie materials available against the petitioner. Hence, this Court is not inclined to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.4 of 2009, on the file of the Special Court under TNPID Act cases, Madurai.

6. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. Consequently, connected M.P.(MD).No.1 of 2013 is dismissed.

7. The personal appearance of the petitioner is dispensed with and he is directed to appear before the Trial Court as and when his presence is required and further he shall not dispute the identity of the witnesses. Further, the learned Special Judge under TNPID Act, Madurai, is directed to dispose of the case in C.C.No.4 of 2009, as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Writs)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Special Court for TNPID Act Cases, Madurai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch, Theni.

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

+1cc to Mr.K.P.S.Palanivelrajan, Advocate, SR.No.78882

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