



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.08.2018

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

Crl.O.P.(MD) No.9610 of 2018

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1.Alexpandiyan
2.Shunmugaraj
3.Chinnadurai
4.Thamilmaran
5.Chellapandi
6.Guruselvam
7.Kitti @ Annadurai
8.Kathiravan @ Kathiresan
9.Manikandan
10.Ranjith @ Ranjithkumar
11.Ajith @ Ajithkumar
12.Mani @ Manikandan
13.Arumugam @ Arumuga Perumal .. Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 13

vs.

1.State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Ottapidaram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
Crime No.64 of 2017. ... Respondent/Complainant

2.Annadurai .. Respondent/Defacto Complainant

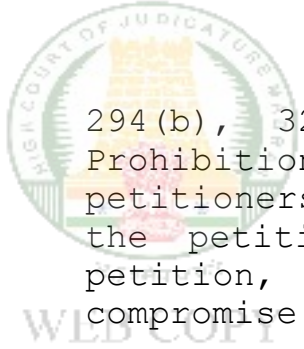
Petition is filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure to call for the records relating to the FIR in Crime No.64 of 2017 on the file of 1st respondent and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Prabu
For R1 : Mr.K.K.Ramakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor
For R2 : Mr.C.Sasikumar

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking to quash the First Information Report registered in Crime No.64 of 2017 pending on the file of first respondent.

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/Kor-services/> The complaint lodged by the second respondent herein, the first respondent police has registered a case in Crime No.64 of 2017 for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 427, 448,



294(b), 323, 324 and 506(ii) IPC and 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, 2002 against the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 13 and in order to quash the same, the petitioners are before this Court by filing the present petition, on the ground that both the parties have arrived at a compromise.

3.Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, Mr.Meenakshinathan, the Sub Inspector of Police, Ottapidaram Police Station, Thoothukudi District is present. The defacto complainant and the petitioners are present and their identifications were also verified by this Court, in addition to the confirmation of the identity of the parties by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor through Mr.Meenakshinathan, the Sub Inspector of Police, Ottapidaram Police Station, Thoothukudi District. Learned counsel appearing for the parties also endorsed the identify of their respective parties.

4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners filed this quash petition along with a joint memo of compromise on 07.06.2018, wherein, it is stated as follows:

"2.It is submitted that the petitioners and 2nd respondent are same community peoples and same village. Pending investigation of the above criminal case, due to the intervention of the village elders, the petitioners and 2nd respondent had entered into compromise and both had settle their dispute amicably. Moreover, the 2nd respondent given a letter to withdraw his complaint which lodged against the petitioners before the 1st respondent police. Therefore, the 2nd respondent did not want to proceed further the above criminal case pending investigation against the petitioner. The 2nd respondent hereby accept for quashing the FIR in Crime No.64 of 2017 on the file of the 1st respondent police, Thoothukudi."

5.When such a situation arose in similarly placed matters in Crl.O.P.(MD) Nos.406, 530 and 864 of 2016 (Prabu and others vs. State Rep. By The Inspector of Police and others), decided on 28.01.2016, this Court considered the various decisions rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard in several cases, namely, Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another [(2012) 10 SCC 303], B.S.Joshi vs. State of Haryana [(2003) 4 SCC 675], Nikhil Merchant vs. CBI [(2008) 9 SCC 677], Narinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another [(2014) 6 SCC 466] and State of Madhya Pradesh vs. Manish and others [(2015) 8 SCC 307] and observed as under:

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/> If the offences against women and children and the IPC offences falling under the categories, like, murder, attempt to murder, offence against unsound mind,



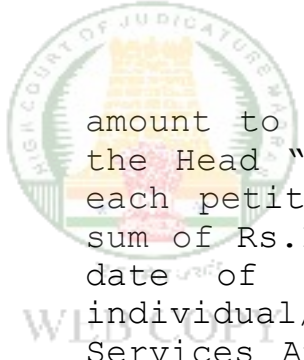
rape, bribe, fabrication of documents, false evidence, robbery, dacoity, abduction, kidnapping, minor girl rape, idol theft, preventing a public servant from discharging of his/her duty, outrage of woman modesty, counterfeiting currency notes or bank notes, etc., are allowed to be compounded, it will surely have serious repercussion on the society, as the above mentioned list is only illustrative and not exhaustive. Similarly, any compromise between the victim and the offender in relation to the offences clubbed with Special Enactment, like Arms Act, the Prevention of Corruption Act, TNPPDL Act, TNPID Act or the offences committed by Public Servants while working in that capacity, etc., cannot provide for any basis for quashing criminal proceedings involving such offences. As held by the Apex Court, insofar the offences arising out of matrimonial dispute, relating to dowry or the family disputes where the wrong is basically private or personal in nature, are concerned, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak, in case the parties resolve their entire disputes amicably among themselves. This Court feels that there cannot be any compromise in respect of the heinous and serious offences of mental depravity and in that case, the Court should be very slow in accepting the compromise. If the compromise is entertained mechanically by the Court, the accused will have the upper hand. The jurisdiction of this Court may not be allowed to be exploited by the accused, who can well afford to wait for a logical conclusion. The antecedents of the accused have also to be taken into consideration before accepting the memo of compromise and the accused, by means of compromise, cannot try to escape from the clutches of law."

6. Taking note of the judgments referred to supra, considering the nature of allegations and also considering the fact that the dispute between the petitioners and second respondent/defacto complainant has been settled amicably and the defacto complainant has no objection to quash the FIR in Crime No.64 of 2017 and to that effect a joint memo of compromise has also been filed on 07.06.2018, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served in keeping the matter pending. Therefore, the entire proceedings in Crime No.64 of 2017 pending on the file of the first respondent in respect of the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 13 are hereby quashed.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed on the basis of the compromise entered into between the parties. The joint compromise memo filed on 07.06.2018 shall form part of this order.

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8. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are willing to contribute some



amount to the District Legal Services Authority, Pudukottai under the Head "Environmental Fund" to preserve the environment. Hence, each petitioner is directed to remit a sum of Rs.1,500/- (Total sum of Rs.19,500/-) as costs within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, by way of an individual/collective Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Legal Services Authority, Pudukottai, who shall receive the said amount as "Environmental Fund" and make use of the said amount for the purposes mentioned in the order passed by this Court in CRP (NPD) No.1643 of 2010 on 20.06.2018 [D.Govindasamy Vs. L.Ganesh Naidu (Deceased) and 2 others]. A report in this regard shall be sent by the Legal Services Authority, Pudukottai to the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai, mentioning clearly the amounts spent towards the purposes mentioned in the above order and the balance amount left etc.,

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-

III)

Encl: Xerox copy of Joint Compromise Memo

To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Ottapidaram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.
- 3.The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State
Legal Services Authority, Chennai.
- 4.The District Legal Services Authority,
Puthukottai District.

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