



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.07.2018

CORAM

WEB COPY

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

Cr1.O.P.(MD) No.10626 of 2018

1.Yosuwan
2.Stephen Rajadurai
3.Gnanaprakasam
4.Chelladurai
5.Anthony
6.Arputharaj
7.Selvakumar
8.Jebasingh
9.Nirmal Singh @ Raj Nirmal

.. Petitioners

vs.

1.State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Kuruvikulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.198 of 2018.
2.Pandian @ Anthony

.. Respondents

Petition is filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure to call for the records in connection with the impugned FIR in Crime No.198 of 2018 on the file of 1st Respondent Police and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Sankar

For R1 : Mr.Prabhu Ramachandran
Government Advocate (Cr1.Side)

For R2 : Mr.M.Ganesh Kumar

O R D E R

This petition has been filed seeking to quash the First Information Report registered in Crime No.198 of 2018 on the file of the first respondent.



2018 for the offence under Sections 147, 294(b), 323 and 506(i) IPC against the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 9 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.

WEB COPY

3.Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, Mr.G.Arumugasamy, the Special Sub Inspector of Police, Kuruvikulam Police Station, Tirunelveli 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 Government Advocate (Criminal side) through Mr.G.Arumugasamy, the Special Sub Inspector of Police, Kuruvikulam Police Station, Tirunelveli District. Learned counsel appearing for the parties also endorsed the identify of their respective parties.

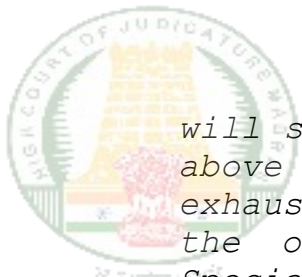
4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners filed this quash petition along with a joint memo of compromise filed on 25.06.2018, wherein, it is stated as follows:

"2.It is respectfully submitted that it is a case, case in counter and the counter case has been registered against the 2nd respondent and others in Crime No.197 of 2018. Now the village elders intervened the matter and compromised both the parties. In view of the advice of the village elders, now the 2nd respondent is not willing to proceed further with the criminal case in respect of Crime No.198 of 2018 pending on the file of the 1st respondent police and settle the issue through out of court. To that effect the joint compromise memo is filed.

It is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to accept this joint compromise memo and pass appropriate orders..."

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:

"11. 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 in view of the joint memo of compromise filed on 25.06.2018, 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.198 of 2018 pending on the file of the first respondent in respect of the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 9 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 25.06.2018 shall form part of this order.

8. In this case, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are willing to contribute some amount to the District Legal Services Authority, Ramanathapuram under the Head "Environmental Fund" to preserve the environment. Hence, each petitioner is directed to remit a sum of Rs.3,000/- (Total sum of Rs.27,000/-) 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 District Legal Services Authority, Ramanathapuram, 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 District Legal Services Authority, Ramanathapuram 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(Crl Side)

/True copy/

WEB COPY

Sub Assistant Registrar

ENCL:Xerox Copy of Joint Compromise Memo.

To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Kuruvikulam Police Station,
Tiruneveli 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,
Ramanathapuram.

Crl.O.P. (MD) No.10626 of 2018
06.07.2018

mj

KK/SKN RSK/SAR-2/20.07.2018/4P-5C/