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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.08.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.14503 of 2018

and

Crl.M.P(MD) No.6488 of 2018

1. Sekhar @ Chandrasekar
2. Selvam
3. Veeramani
4. Balu

... Petitioners/Petitioners/Accused

Vs.

The State through
The Sub Inspector of Police
Vaiyampatti Police Station
Trichy District
In Crime No.93 of 2014

... Respondent/Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to set aside the order passed in Cr.M.P.No.1651 of 2018 dated 11.06.2018 in C.C. No.44 of 2015 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Manapparai, Trichy District and direct the learned Judicial Magistrate, Manapparai to recall the PW 1 to PW 3 for cross examination in C.C. No.44 of 2015 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Manapparai, Trichy District by allowing this this Criminal Original Petition.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Joel Paul Antony
For Respondent : Mr.K.Suyambulinga Bharathi
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Manapparai dismissing the application filed under section 311 of Cr.P.C to recall and cross examine PW's 1 to 3.

2. The petitioners are facing trial for an offence punishable under sections 294(b), 324, 342 and 506(ii) of IPC. P.W's 1 to 3 were examined in chief by the prosecution on 23.06.2016. On the said day they were not cross examined by the counsel representing the petitioners. Other witnesses who were examined by the prosecution were cross examined by the counsel for the petitioners. Subsequently on 17.05.2018, the petition came to be filed by the petitioners to recall and cross examine PW's 1 to 3. The reason that was given in the said petition for not cross examining PW's 1 to 3 was the non availability of an 'important evidence'



3. The Court below on considering the reasons assigned in the petition filed by the petitioners was not convinced and as a result of the same dismissed the petition by an order dated 11.06.2018.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that if one opportunity is given to petitioners to recall and cross examine PW's 1 to 3, the petitioners will be able to effectively defend their case and denial of the same will expose them to conviction in the criminal case pending against them. Per contra the learned counsel for the respondent would submit that the case is now posted for defence side evidence. He would further submit that the court below has considered the merits of the petition filed by the petitioner and that there is no illegality or infirmity in the order passed by the court below.

5. This Court has carefully considered the submissions made on either side and has also gone through the materials placed before this Court. The petitioners are facing trial for offences under sections 294(b), 324, 342 and 506(ii) of IPC. The petitioners have cross examined all the other witnesses except PW.1 to 3. PW 1 to 3 were examined in chief on 23.06.2016 and on that day the counsel for the petitioners was not able to cross examine them. This Court is of the considered view that one last opportunity can be given to the petitioners to recall and cross examine PW's 1 to 3.

6. Accordingly the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate Manapparai in Cr.M.P.No.1651 of 2018 dated 11.06.2018 is hereby set aside and the petitioners are permitted to recall and cross examine PW's 1 to 3. The trial court shall ensure the availability of the witnesses and shall fix a date for the appearance of the witnesses. Before putting witnesses in the witness box, he shall be furnished with depositions so that the witness can refresh his memory and only thereafter he can be cross examined. On the day when the witnesses appears, if the accused fails to cross examine him even on account of boycott of the Courts, the accused will forfeit his right to recall him again. Each of the petitioners shall pay a costs of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) to each of the witnesses namely PW's 1 to 3 when they come for giving evidence.

7. With the above direction, the Criminal Original Petition is allowed. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Crl. Side)

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate
Manapparai

2. The Sub Inspector of Police
Vaiyampatti Police Station
Trichy District

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

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