

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.04.2019

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL.O.P.No. 4350 of 2019

and

CRL.M.P.Nos. 2616 & 2617 of 2019

1. J.Vidyasagaran

2. M.Jayakumar

3. J.Malathi Petitioners/Respondents 1 to 3

Vs.

R.Prathippa ...Respondent/Petitioner

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to call for the records complaint in D.V.C.No.18 of 2018, pending on the file of the learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai and quash the same.

For Petitioners: Mr.V.Balamurugane

For Respondent : No appearance

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in D.V.C.No.18 of 2018, filed by the respondent herein, pending on the file of the learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai.

2. The first petitioner is the husband and the others are in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between first petitioner and the respondent was solemnized on 06.03.2016. Thereafter, due to matrimonial disputes the respondent and her husband were living separately from the matrimonial home. Under this circumstance, the respondent herein filed a petition under Domestic Violence Act in D.V.C.No.18 of 2018 on the file of the learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai and implicated the petitioners as parties to the petition and sought

action as against them under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.A.18 of 2018 is pending for trial. At this stage, the petitioners herein who are the husband and in-laws of the respondent pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.A.No.18 of 2017.

3. Heard Mr.V.Balamurugane, learned counsel for the petitioners. The notice served on the respondent was returned as unclaimed.

4. It is seen that the relief sought for by the respondent in the domestic violence case with regard to residential rights, compensation, etc., can be made and claimed as against her husband, who is already a party in that case. The petitioners 2 & 3 herein are only in-laws of the respondent and they are living separately. As such, the protection order sought for by the respondent herein in the domestic violence case against these petitioners 2 & 3/in-laws, based on the allegations, cannot be maintained, in view of the fact that the allegations of harassment meted out by the petitioners 2 & 3 against the respondent itself seems to be false. While that being so, there cannot be any act of any domestic violence as defined under Domestic Violence Act against these petitioners 2 & 3. In the absence of the same, the proceedings as against these petitioners 2 & 3 cannot be maintained and consequently, the petitioners 2 & 3 need not undergo the ordeal of facing a criminal trial.

5. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to quash the proceedings in DVA.No.18 of 2018, on the file of the learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai insofar as the petitioners 2 & 3 are concerned, on condition that, they shall ensure that the first petitioner/husband of the respondent shall deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) before 5th of every English Calendar month to the credit of DVA.No.18 of 2018, on the file of the learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai as ad-interim maintenance, without prejudice to both the parties, failing which this order shall stand automatically cancelled. On such deposit being made, the respondent is entitled to withdraw the same.

6. Insofar as the first petitioner/husband of the respondent is concerned, since the impugned proceedings in DVA.No.18 of 2018 is pending from the year 2018 onwards, it would be appropriate to direct the trial Court to complete the trial within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. The first petitioner/husband of the respondent is directed to appear before the trial Court on the next hearing date, failing which, the respondent is at liberty to approach this Court.

7. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition stands partly allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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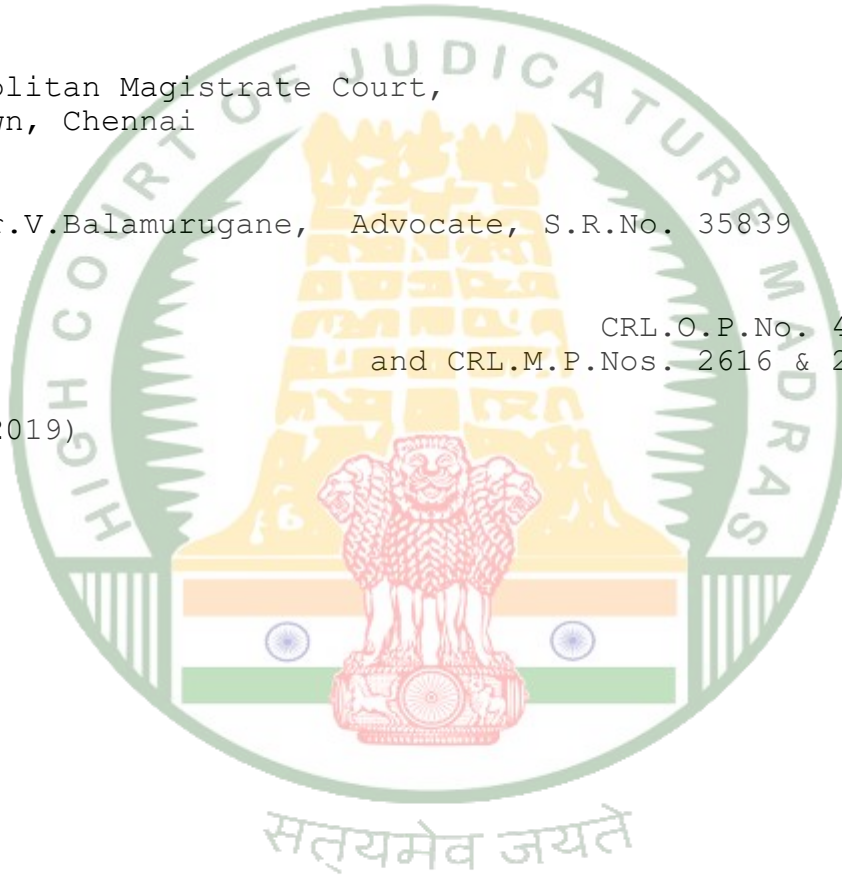
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George Town, Chennai

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