

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11.03.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.4806 of 2019

and

Crl.M.P.No.2834 of 2019

1.Elangovan
2.Sandhiya
3.Rajendran
4.Kannagi

... Petitioners

Vs.

Vinotha

...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to call for the records in D.V.A.No.1 of 2019 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Puducherry and Quash the same as far as the petitioners are concerned.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.Sakkarapani

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to call for the records in D.V.A.No.1 of 2019 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Puducherry and Quash the same as far as the petitioners are concerned.

2. The petitioners are the in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between Al/Pugalendhi and the respondent Viz.,Vinotha was solemnized on 03.02.2017. 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.A. No.1 of 2019 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, No.II, Puducherry and implicated the petitioners as parties to the petition and sought action as against them under

Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.A.No.1 of 2019 is pending for trial. At this stage, the petitioners herein who are the in-laws of the respondent pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.A.No.1 of 2019.

3. Heard Mr.V.Sakkarapani, learned counsel for the petitioners.

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 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 petitioners /in-laws, based on the allegations, cannot be maintained, in view of the fact that the allegations of harassment meted out by the petitioners 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 petitioners. In the absence of the same, the proceedings as against petitioners cannot be maintained and consequently, the petitioners 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.1 of 2019, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, No.II, Puducherry, insofar as petitioners are concerned, on condition that, they shall ensure that the A1/husband of the respondent shall deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per month before 5th of every English Calendar month to the credit of DVA.No.1 of 2019, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, No.II, Puducherry, 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 A1/husband of the respondent is concerned, since the impugned proceedings in DVA.No.1 of 2019 is pending, it would be appropriate to direct the trial Court to complete the trial within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. A1/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 allowed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.
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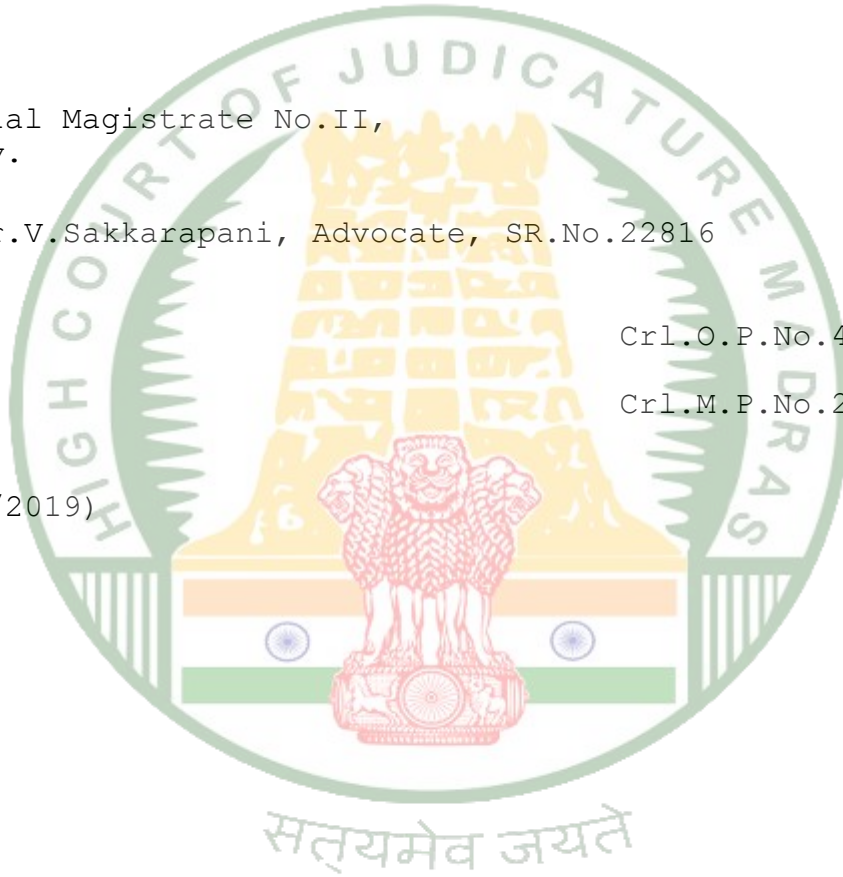
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To
The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Puducherry.

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