

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.02.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.10811 of 2014

and Crl.M.P.Nos.1 & 2 of 2014

1.Thulasi Ammal
2.J.Sasikumar
3.Bharathi
4.Rajina

.... Petitioners/Accused 2 to 5

Vs.

1.L.Maheswari
2.Minor L.M.Sangeethkumar
Minor Rep. by his Mother
and Guardian L.Maheswari
3.Minor L.M.Magashiyam
Minor Rep. by his Mother
and Guardian L.Maheswari
4.J.Loganathan

...Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to call for the records in the proceedings in D.V.C.No.5 of 2014 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, Vellore District, and quash the same only in so far as it relates to the petitioners.

For Petitioners: Mr.K.Selvaraj
For RR1 to R3 : Mr.N.Manoharan

For RR4 : No Appearance

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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to call for the records in the proceedings in D.V.C.No.5 of 2014 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, Vellore District, and quash the same only in so far as it relates to the petitioners.

2.The petitioners are in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between A1/J.Loganathan and the respondent Viz.,L.Maheswari was solemnized on 16.09.2004. 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.5 of 2014 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, Vellore District and implicated the petitioners as parties to the petition and sought action as against them under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.C.No.5 of 2014 is pending for trial. At this stage, the petitioners herein in-laws of the respondent pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.C.No.5 of 2014.

3.Heard Mr.K.Selvaraj, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr.N.Manokaran, learned counsel appearing for the respondent.

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 DVC.No.5 of 2014, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, Vellore District, insofar as petitioners are allowed, 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.5 of 2014, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, Vellore District, 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 DVC.No.5 of 2014 is pending from the year 2014 onwards, 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 petitions are closed.

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Assistant Registrar(CS VI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Judicial Magistrate,
Gudiyatham,
Vellore District.

+1cc to Mr.K.Selvaraj, Advocate Sr.16277
+1cc to M/S.N.Manokaran, Advocate Sr.16338

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