

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.12.2019

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.RAJAMANICKAM

Crl.O.P.No.33042 of 2019

and

Crl.M.P.No.18219 of 2019

1.Devagiri
2.Annadurai
3.Sanjeevi
4.Sudhakar
5.Parasuraman
6.Murugesan

...Petitioners

-Vs-

The State Rep.by the
Sub Inspector of Police
Ambalur Police Station
Vellore District.
(Crime No.164/2010)

.... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, to set aside the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi Vellore District in Crl.M.P.No.4596/2019 in C.C.No.56/2010 dated 30.10.2019.

For Petitioners : Mr.E.Kannadasan
For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to set aside the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi Vellore District in Crl.M.P.No.4596/2019 in C.C.No.56/2010 dated 30.10.2019.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are facing trial for the alleged offences under Sections 294(b), 323, 325 and 506(i) of IPC. He further submitted that on 21.10.2019, PWs 14 and 15 were examined in chief and on that date, the petitioners had engaged a new

counsel and hence a request was made to grant some more time, for cross examination, but the trial Court had refused to adjourn the matter and recorded as "no cross." He further submitted that on 30.10.2019, the petitioners had filed a petition under Section 311 of Cr.P.C. in Crl.M.P.No.4596 of 2019 to recall PWs 14 and 15 but the trial Court without giving opportunity to the petitioners to cross examine the said witnesses had dismissed the said petition. He further submitted that since PWs 14 and 15 are Investigating Officers, they are material witnesses, an opportunity may be given to the petitioners to cross examine the said witnesses, or otherwise the petitioners will be put to irreparable loss.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has submitted that the case is pertaining to the year 2010 and hence, the learned Judicial Magistrate had refused to grant adjournment for cross examination and also dismissed the said petition which was filed to recall PWs 14 and 15 and hence, he requests to dismiss the petition and in the said order, this court need not interfere and hence, he prayed to dismiss the petition.

4. Considering the fact that PWs 14 and 15 were examined only after nine years, i.e., on 21.10.2019 and within 9 days 30.10.2019 the petitioners have filed a petition to recall the aforesaid witnesses and also the fact that the said witnesses are Investigating Officers, this Court is of the view that an opportunity should be given to the petitioners to cross examine the said witnesses.

5. In the result, this petition is allowed. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. The order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi, in Crl.M.P.No.4596 of 2019 dated 30.10.2019 is set aside.

6. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi is directed to recall PWs 14 and 15 and give an opportunity to the petitioners to cross examine the said witnesses. The petitioners are directed to cross examine the said witnesses on their appearance, without seeking any adjournment.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS-VI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Sub Inspector of Police
Ambalur Police Station
Vellore District.
(Crime No.164/2010)

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

+1CC to Mr.E.Kannadasan, Advocate, SR.No.102151.

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