

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.04.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CrI.O.P.No.27218 of 2018
and
CrI.M.P.Nos.15691 & 15693 of 2018

1.Jagadeeshkumar
2.Saranya

...Petitioners

-Vs-

K.Nithya

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. praying to call for the records of the proceedings pursuant to D.V.No.8 of 2018 in pending on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore and to quash the entire proceedings against the petitioners herein.

For Petitioners : Mr.Yusuf, Senior Counsel
for M/s.Nathan and Associates

For Respondent : Mr.P.Saravana Sowmiyan

ORDER

The criminal original petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in D.V.No.8 of 2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore and quash the same as illegal, incompetent and without jurisdiction by allowing the present criminal original petition.

2.The petitioners are in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between A1/N.Manoj Kumar and the respondent Viz.,K.Nithya was solemnized on 02.11.2014. 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.No.8 of 2018 on the file of the learned Judicial

Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore, and implicated the petitioners and her husband as parties to the petition and sought action as against them under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.No.8 of 2018 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.No.8 of 2018.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, and the learned counsel 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 these 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, 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 D.V.No.8 of 2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore, insofar as petitioners are concerned, on condition that, they shall ensure that the Al/husband of the respondent shall deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per month on or before 5th of every English Calendar month to the credit of D.V.No.8 of 2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore, 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 Al/husband of the respondent is concerned, since the impugned proceedings in D.V.No.8 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 three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Al/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, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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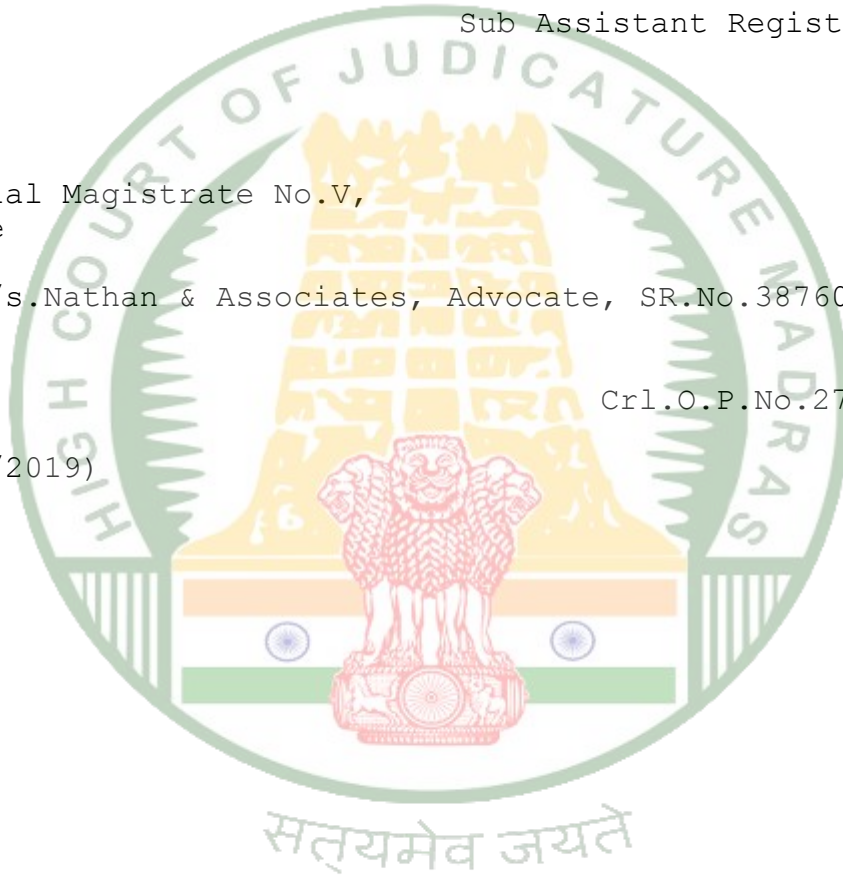
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The Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Coimbatore

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