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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 12.11.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.9157 of 2018

and

Crl.M.P.(MD)Nos.3965 & 3566 of 2018

1. Joseph Karthik Prem
S/o.B.Chandrasekar
Principal,
Ponamani Matriculation Hr.Sec. School,
Usilampati, Madurai District.
- 2.Mrs.Rani,
W/o.B.Chandrasekar,
Correspondent,
Resding at
Ponamani Matriculation Hr.Sec. School,
Usilampati, Madurai District.
- 3.C.John Keerthi
S/o.B.Chandrasekar,
Administrator,
Residing at
Ponamani Matriculation Hr.Sec. School,
Usilampati, Madurai District. ... Petitioners/Respondents

-Vs-

Kanimozhi ... Respondent/Petitioner

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records pertaining to D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai and quash the same.

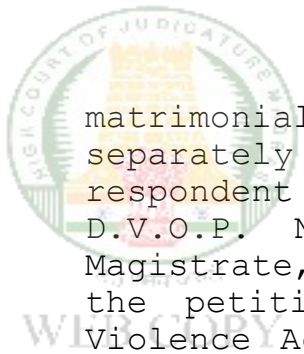
For Petitioners : Mr.R.Suresh Kumar
for M/s.Ajmal Associates
For Respondent : Mr.M.S.Jeyakarthick

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai.

2.The petitioners are in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between Al/Joseph Karthik Prem and the respondent Viz., Kanimozhi was solemnized on 12.03.2012. Thereafter, due to

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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.O.P. No.26 of 2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai and implicated the petitioners as parties to the petition and sought action as against them under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 is pending for trial. At this stage, the first petitioner/Husband and the petitioners 2 & 3 in-laws of the respondent, pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.O.P.No.3/2018.

3.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsel for the respondents.

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 the 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 the petitioners 2 & 3. In the absence of the same, the proceedings as against the 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 D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai, insofar as the petitioners 2 & 3 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) before 5th of every English Calendar month to the credit of D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai, 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 D.V.O.P.No.3/2018 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. 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.



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

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Nilakottai.

+1 CC to Mr.M.S. JEYAKARTHIK, Advocate (SR-97844[F] dated
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