



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.10.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P(MD)No.8677 of 2017

and

CrL.M.P(MD)Nos.5854 and 5855 of 2019

1.Thankappan
2.Poothankam
3.Hebin Raj
4.Yenika
5.Sunika

...Petitioners/Respondents 2 to 6

Vs.

Sheejakumari

...Respondent/Petitioner

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to call for the records relating to the proceedings in D.V.C.No.8 of 2017, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.P.Narayanakumar
For Respondent : Mr.N.S.Ramakrishna Dass

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in D.V.C No.8 of 2017 initiated by the respondent under the Domestic Violence Act.

2. The first Petitioner is the father in law, second Petitioner is the mother in law, third Petitioner is the brother in law and Petitioners 4 and 5 are sisters in law of the respondent.

3. It is seen from the records that the petitioners 1 to 5 were living separately and the respondent is living with her husband separately and therefore, no domestic violence can be attributed as against the petitioners 1 to 5. The respondent has not made any specific allegations against the petitioners 1 to 5, except for certain general allegations and certain specific averments have been made by the respondent only against her husband. Even in the absence of a domestic relationship with the respondent, the petitioners 1 to 5 have been roped in a domestic violence petition.



4. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as the learned counsel for the respondent.

5. In the considered view of this Court, the petitioners 1 to 5 are concerned, the entire proceedings is an abuse of process of Court and the same requires interference of this Court in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.

6. In the result, the proceedings in D.V.C.No. 8 of 2017, on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram is quashed insofar as the petitioners are concerned. Insofar as the husband is concerned, it is left open to the respondent to proceed further to prosecute the domestic violence petition as against the husband.

7. This Criminal Original Petition is allowed and there shall be a direction to the Judicial Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram to dispose of the proceedings in D.V.C.No.8 of 2017 as against the husband within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar ()

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

The Judicial Magistrate,
Padmanabhapuram.

+1 CC to Mr.K.P.NARAYANA KUMAR, Advocate (SR-93050[F] dated 18/10/2019)

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