

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.07.2020

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL.O.P.No.2388 of 2020
and
Crl.M.P.No.1476 & 1477 of 2020

1.P.Yoganandhan, M/a, 38 years,
S/o. M.Palaniappan,

2.M.Palaniappan, M/a, 58 years
S/o. Muthu Gounder,

3.Meenachi, F/a, 55 years,
W/o. M.Palniappan,

All are residing at
Athikadu,
Thirumangalam,
Tiruchengode Taluk,
Namakkal District.

... Petitioners

Vs.

Kanimozhi, F/a, 37 years,
W/o.Yoganandhan,
5/546, New Line,
Nehru Street,
Kamaraji Nagar,
Salem-5

...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to call for the records relating to D.V.O.P.No.71 of 2018 on the file of the Additional Mahila Court, (Magisterial Level), Salem and to quash the same and allow the above Criminal Original Petition.

For Petitioners: Mr.C.Prabakaran

For Respondent : Mr.M.Senthilvadivel

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in D.V.O.P.No.71 of 2018, filed by the respondent herein, pending on the file of the Additional Mahila Court, (Magisterial Level), Salem.

2. The petitioners are in-laws of the respondent and the marriage between A1/ P.Yoganandhan and the respondent Viz.,Kanimozhi was solemnized on 26.04.2010. 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.O.P. No.71 of 2018 on the file of the Additional Mahila Court, (Magisterial Level), Salem and implicated the second and third petitioners as parties to the petition and sought action as against them under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.O.P.71 of 2018 is pending for trial. At this stage, the second and third petitioners herein who are the in-laws of the respondent pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.O.P.No.71 of 2018.

3. Heard Mr. C.Prabakaran learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. M.Senthilvadivel 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 second and third 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 second and third petitioners/in-laws, based on the allegations, cannot be maintained, in view of the fact that the allegations of harassment meted out by the second and third 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 these second and third petitioners. In the absence of the same, the proceedings as against these second and third petitioners cannot be maintained and consequently, the second and third 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.c.O.P.No.71 of 2018, on the file of the Additional Mahila Court, (Magisterial Level), Salem, insofar as these petitioners 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.71 of 2018, on the file of the Additional Mahila Court, (Magisterial Level), Salem, 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.71 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 six 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.

Sd/-

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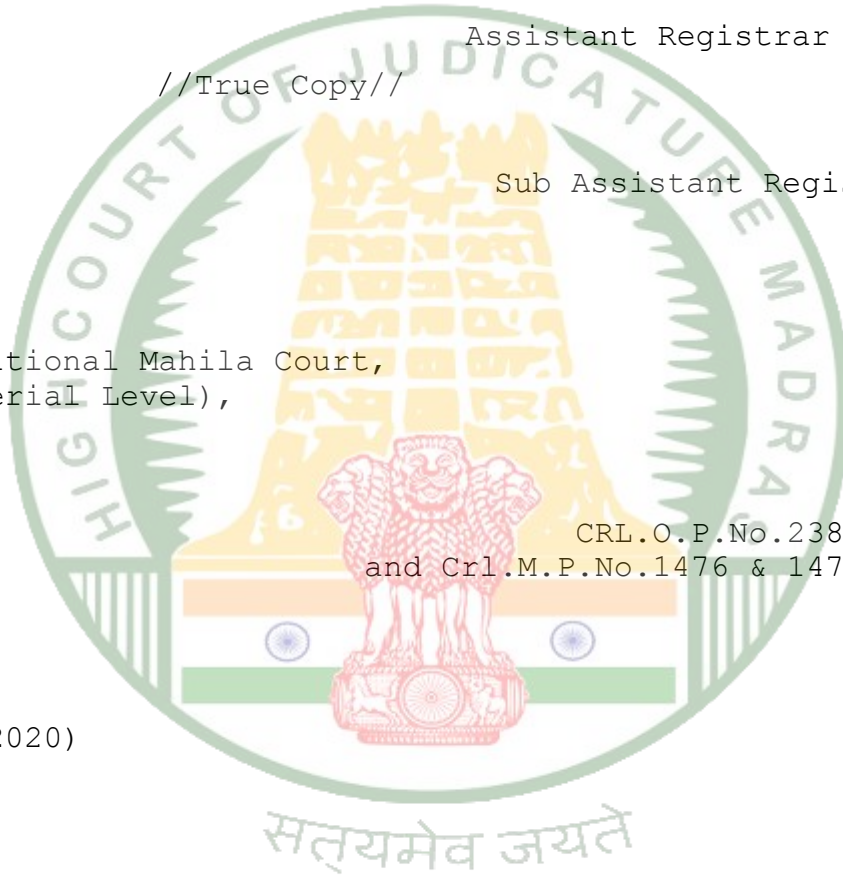
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To

1.The Additional Mahila Court,
(Magisterial Level),
Salem.

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