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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.03.2020

CORAM:

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

CRL.O.P.No. 23730 of 2019

and

CRL.M.P.Nos. 12495 & 12496 of 2019

Mr.Ramkumar .. Petitioner/Respondent

Vs.

V.Shobana ..Respondent/ Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned proceedings in D.V.C.No. 13 of 2018 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.C.Ramesh

For Respondent : Mr.D.Parthasarathy

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in D.V.C.No. 13 of 2018, filed by the respondent herein, pending on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur.

2. The petitioner is in-law of the respondent and the marriage between the petitioner/Ram Kumar and the respondent Viz.,Shobana was solemnized on 01.06.2014. 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.C. No. 13 of 2018 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur and implicated the petitioner as party to the petition and sought action as against him under Domestic Violence Act. The said D.V.C. No. 13 of 2018 is pending for trial. At this stage, the petitioner herein who are the in-law of the respondent pray to quash the proceedings in D.V.C. No. 13 of 2018.

3. Heard Mr.E.C.Ramesh, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.D.Parthasarathy, 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 petitioner herein is only in-law 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 petitioner/in-law, based on the allegations, cannot be maintained, in view of the fact that the allegations of harassment meted out by the petitioner 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 petitioner. In the absence of the same, the proceedings as against the petitioner cannot be maintained and consequently, the petitioner 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.C. No. 13 of 2018, on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur, insofar as the petitioner is concerned, on condition that, he 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.C. No. 13 of 2018, on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur, 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.C. No. 13 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. 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.

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

s/d-
Assistant Registrar(CS-III)

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1. The learned Judicial Magistrate,
Alandur.

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