



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 05.11.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

Crl.O.P(MD)No.12417 of 2020 and

Crl.M.P.(MD) No.5598 of 2020

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Sathik Ali @ Sathick Ali

..Petitioner/Accused No.18

Vs

1.The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Shenkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(In Crime No.596 of 2019)

..Respondent No.1/
Complainant

2.Mr.Shyamsundar,
Sub Inspector of Police,
Shenkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

..Respondent No.2/
Defacto Complainant

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the entire records pertaining to the impugned First Information Report in Crime Number 596 of 2019 on the file of the first respondent police station and quash as against the petitioner concerned as illegal.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Karunanidhi
For R1	: Ms.S.E.Veronica Vincent Government Advocate

O R D E R

Heard, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the first respondent.

2.This Criminal Original Petition has been filed for quashing the First Information Report in Crime Number.596 of 2019 registered on the file of Shenkottai Police Station, Tirunelveli District. The second respondent / Sub Inspector of Police is the de-facto complainant.

3. The gist of the First Information Report is that on 21.12.2019, the petitioner along with others had conducted a demonstration against the Amendment of CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) and NRC (National Register Citizenship).

4.The case of the respondent is that the petitioner by his acts had committed public nuisance. He had also caused interference



with the free flow of general traffic.

5. Though, there are prima facie materials to justify the registration of the First Information Report, I am of the view that its continuance is not warranted. This is because no untoward incident had taken place. The country had witnessed protests all over by different sections of people against the said amendments. Since the protest was peaceful and even the First Information Report does not disclose any act of violence or happening of untoward incident, I am of the view that the continued prosecution is not warranted. Quashing the same will secure the ends of justice.

6. Hence, the First Information Report impugned in this petition stands quashed. The Criminal Original Petition stands allowed. The benefit of this order will enure not only for the petitioner but also the non-petitioning accused. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS II)

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To: -

1. The Inspector of Police,
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2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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