



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.12448 of 2020

and

Crl.M.P(MD) No.5652 of 2020

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Henri Tiphagne

... Petitioner/Accused No.13

Vs.

1.The State Represented by
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
SS Colony Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai District.
(In Crime No.144 of 2020)

...RespondentNo.1/
Complainant

2. Vijayakumar.C
Sub Inspector of Police,
S.S.Police Station,
Madurai Town,
Madurai District.

...RespondentNo.2/Defacto
Complainant

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to call for the entire records pertaining to the impugned First Information Report in Crime Number.144 of 2020, on the file of respondent police station and quash the same as against the petitioner, as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Karunanidhi
For R-1 : Ms.S.E.Veronica Vincent
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

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.144 of 2020, registered on the file of S.S.Colony Police Station. The second respondent / Sub Inspector of Police is the de-facto complainant.

3. The gist of the First Information Report is that on 30.01.2020 at about 4.25 p.m, the petitioner along with others had conducted a demonstration against the Amendment of CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) and NRC (National Register Citizenship).

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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-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To:

1.The Sub-Inspector of Police,
SS Colony Police Station, Madurai City.

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

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