



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.12.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

Crl.O.P(MD)No.14126 of 2020
and Crl.M.P.(MD)No.6511 of 2020

Mohamed Shajakhan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.State Rep.by,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam North Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

2.K.Kalirajan
Sub Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam North Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to call for the entire records pertaining to FIR in Cr.No.586 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent under Sections 143, 269 & 341 IPC and quash the same as illegal as against this petitioner.

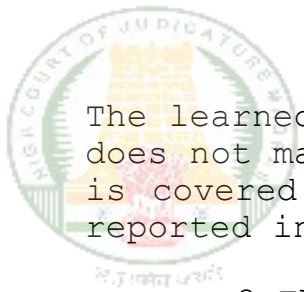
For Petitioner : Mr.S.A.S.Alaudeen

For R1 : Mr.V.Neelakandan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the First Information Report in Crime No.586 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent police as against the petitioner.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner would state that the allegation against the petitioner is that on 30.09.2020, the petitioner and others assembled and conducted protest against the verdict of Babri Masjith demolition case without following the CORONA Pandemic Norms and social distancing. On the basis of the complaint of the second respondent, a case was registered against the petitioner and other persons by the first respondent in Crime No.586 of 2020 for the offence under Sections 143, 341 and 269 IPC.



The learned counsel would further state that on the face of FIR, it does not make out any offence and that the issue in the present case is covered by the decision of this Court in Jeevanantham vs. State reported in 2018 (2) K.W. (Crl) 606.

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first respondent, on instructions, would state that the petitioner protest against verdict of Babri Masjid demolition case without following the CORONA Pandemic norms and social distancing and caused disturbance to the free flow of public and he would fairly state that no violence or untoward incident had taken place.

4.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the 1st respondent.

5.In the decision relied on by the petitioner in 2018 (2) K.W. (Crl) 606, Jeevanantham vs. State, this Court has held as follows:-

'In all the cases, the assembly of persons were made to express dissatisfaction of the governance and claiming for minimum rights that are guaranteed to a ordinary citizen. If such an assembly of persons are to be trifled by registering an FIR under Section 143 of IPC and filing a final report for the very same offence, no democratic dissent can ever be shown by the citizens and such prohibition will amount to violation of fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.'

6.In my considered opinion, the above decision is squarely applicable to present case on hand. The entire reading of the FIR does not make out any offence and it is not supported by any material evidence and therefore, I am inclined to quash the FIR.

7.Accordingly, the impugned F.I.R in Crime No.586 of 2020, on the file of the first respondent police is quashed and the Criminal Original Petition is allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

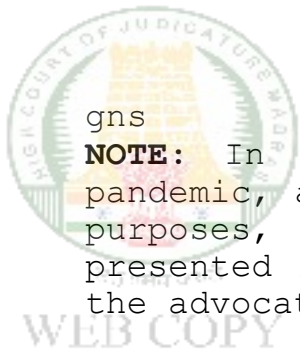
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Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)



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To

- 1.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam North Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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