



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10.12.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU**

CrI.O.P.(MD)No.14396 of 2020

and CrI.M.P.(MD)Nos.6727 & 6728 of 2020

R.Manikandan

... Petitioner/Respondent

Vs.

1.The Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate cum
Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sankarankoil, Tenkasi District. .. 1st Respondent

2.The Inspector of Police,
Puliyangudi Police Station,
Tenkasi District.2nd Respondent/Complainant

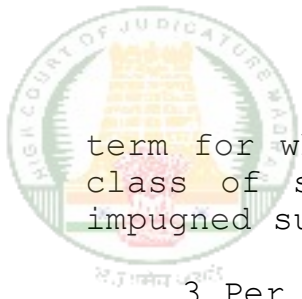
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records relating to the impugned summon in A3/M.C.15/2020 (110), dated 09.11.2020 issued by the first respondent and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner	: Mr.T.Veerakumar
For Respondent	: Ms.S.E.Veronica Vincent, Government Advocate

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the impugned summon in A3/M.C.15/2020 (110), dated 09.11.2020 issued by the first respondent as illegal.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though the order is in the form of show cause notice/summon, it is bereft of details and not issued in accordance with law. The order does not disclose the substance of the information received, the amount of bond to be executed and the term for which it is to be in force. He would further submit that this Court is having the power of judicial review under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., or Article 226 of the Constitution of India in respect of a show cause notice issued under Section 107 r/w Section 111 Cr.P.C. He would further submit that in the above said order, a Division Bench of this Court has clearly analyzed the provisions of Sections 107 to 116 of Cr.P.C., and came to the conclusion that in the show cause notice/summon issued by the Executive Magistrate, some particulars in respect of execution of bond viz., the amount of the bond to be executed, the



term for which it is to be in force, and the number, character and class of sureties (if any) required, have to be mentioned. The impugned summon is bereft of particulars.

3.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent would submit that for issuance of show cause notice, the aspects referred by the learned counsel for the petitioner, are not necessary. Only after completing the enquiry under Section 116 Cr.P.C., the Executive Magistrate would come to the conclusion about the substance of information received and then only, he can order for fixing the amount of the bond to be executed and the term for which it is to be in force. He would further submit that the petitioner appeared along with his counsel and he filed his vakalat and he has to appear before the respondent on 24.11.2020. Whereas, he has not appeared before the respondent.

4.The entire submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is based on the decision rendered by a Division Bench of this Court in **Crl.O.P.No.17684 of 2015** in a case of **M.Krishnamurthy Vs Sub Divisional Magistrate-Cum- Revenue Divisional Officer** reported in **2017 1 MadWN (Cri) 199** wherein, it is held as follows:-

"In our view, a show cause order under Section 107 r/w 111 can be subjected to judicial review under Section 482 Cr.P.C or Article 226 of the Constitution of India, if on the face of it, the order does not satisfy the minimum requirements of Section 111 or that the same has been passed by a person who is not an Executive Magistrate and not otherwise. In other words, if the order does not contain the substance of the information received, the amount of the bond to be executed, the term for which it is to be in force, and the number, character and class of sureties (if any) required, only then, can the High Court interfere and not otherwise. Factual adjudication of the satisfaction expressed by Magistrate is ruled out in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in Vicco Laboratories (supra)."

5.Under such circumstances, now, on going through the impugned summon, dated 09.11.2020, issued by the first respondent, it is seen that nothing was mentioned about the amount of the bond to be executed, the term for which it is to be in force and the number, character and class of sureties (if any) required. Therefore, non-mentioning of the above particulars in the impugned summon, dated 09.11.2020, issued by the first respondent, is against the decision rendered by this Court in **Crl.O.P.No.17684 of 2015** [cited supra].

6.Hence, the impugned summon, dated 09.11.2020 passed by the first respondent is hereby set aside and this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. However, liberty is given to the respondents to



initiate proceedings afresh in accordance with law. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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To

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

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