



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.12.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

Crl.O.P. (MD)No.14840 of 2020

and Crl.M.P. (MD)No.7057 of 2020

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1.Nijam Alikhan
2.Sirajudeen

: Petitioners/Accused 1 and 13

Vs.

1. The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
S.S.Colony Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai.
(In Crime No.321 of 2020)

: 1st Respondent/Complainant

2. K.Mahendran,
S/o.Not Known,
Sub Inspector of Police,
S.S.Colony Police Station,
Madurai City,
Madurai.

: 2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to call for the entire records pertaining to the impugned First Information Report in Crime No.321 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent Police Station and quash the same as against the petitioners are concerned as illegal.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Karunanidhi
For R1 : Mr.V.Neelakandan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

Heard, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first respondent.

2.This Criminal Original Petition has been filed for quashing the First Information Report in Crime No. 321 of 2020 registered on the file of the first respondent police. The second respondent / Sub Inspector of Police is the de-facto complainant.

3.The gist of the First Information Report is that on 13.03.2020, the petitioners 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 respondents is that the petitioners by their acts had committed public nuisance. They 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 petitioners but also the non-petitioning accused. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AD-I)

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To

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

+1 CC to Mr.R.KARUNANIDHI, Advocate SR-25817.

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