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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.12.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

Crl.O.P. (MD) No.15243 of 2020

and

Crl.M.P. (MD) No.7360 & 7362 of 2020

- 1.Mohamed Yasin
- 2.Bashir Ahamed
- 3.Raja Mohamed
- 4.Hanifa
- 5.Abdullah
- 6.Iliyaash
- 7.Anverdeen
- 8.Syed Ibrahim

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1.State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Mimisal Police Station,
Pudukottai.
(In Crime No.27 of 2020)

- 2.T.Ayyappan,
Sub-Inspector of Police,
Mimisal Police Station,
Pudukkottai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records in S.T.C.No.336 of 2020 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Aranthangi, Pudukkottai, and quash the same as against the petitioners.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Raja Mohamed

For R1 : Ms.S.E.Veronica Vincent,
Government Advocate.

O R D E R

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the first respondent.

2.This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the case in S.T.C.No.336 of 2020 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Aranthangi, Pudukkottai. The second respondent / Sub Inspector of Police is the de-facto complainant.

3.The gist of the charge sheet is that on 01.03.2020, 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 respondent is that the petitioners by their 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 filing of the charge sheet, 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 charge sheet 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 charge sheet 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 petitions are closed.

Sd/-

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate, Aranthangi, Pudukkottai

2.The Inspector of Police,
Mimisal Police Station, Pudukottai.

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

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