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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.15290 of 2020

and

Crl.M.P. (MD) No.7393 of 2020

Sahul Hameed

..Petitioner/Accused No.10

Vs

1.State represented by,

The Sub Inspector of Police,
Vilakkuthoon Police Station,
Madurai City.

(In Crime No.1167 of 2020)

..1st Respondent/Complainant

2.V.Jayamanikam

..2nd Respondent/Defacto
Complainant

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 482 Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records FIR in Crime No.1167 of 2020 dated 05.09.2020 on the file of the respondent Police and quash the same as against the petitioners.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Raja Mohamed

For R1 : Mr.V.Neelakandan

Additional Public Prosecutor (Crl.side)

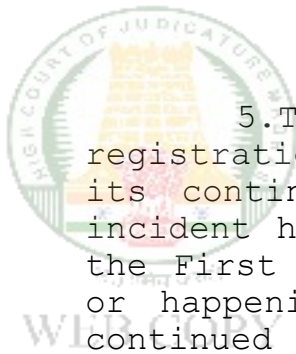
O R D E R

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the 1st respondent.

2.This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the impugned First Information Report in Crime No.1167 of 2020, on the file of the respondent No.1 police station. The Second respondent/Sub Inspector of Police is the defacto complainant.

3.The gist of the First Information Report is that on 28.08.2020 at about 05.10 pm, the petitioner along with others had conducted a demonstration by protesting and raising slogans against the new EIA Act. Hence, the first respondent police has registered Crime No.1167 of 2020 on 05.09.2020 under Sections 143, 188 and 270 IPC r/w Sec 3 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that there is no untoward incident had taken place and the issue involved in this case is a covered matter.



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. 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 (P&A)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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

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