

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.02.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P No.3209 of 2021

and Crl.M.P Nos.1826 & 1827 of 2021

Santhana Krishnan .. Petitioner/Accused

vs.

M/s.Sreeswathy Agencies,
Rep. By its Partner,
Mr.G.V.Ramalingeswar,
439/3, Kolaperumal School Street,
Arumbakkam,
Chennai-500 106. .. Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records in C.C.No.8056 of 2019 pending on the file of the learned Metropolitan Magistrate Fast Track Court No.I at Egmore, Allikulam and quash the same

For Petitioner: Mr.Anandaraj

ORDER

This petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the respondent against the petitioner under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act.

2. The grounds raised by the counsel for the petitioner are all factual in nature and it requires appreciation of evidence and this Court cannot decide the same in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code. It is left open to the petitioner to raise all the grounds before the Court below and the same shall be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law. This Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings pending before the Court below.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested this Court to dispense with the presence of the petitioner. Taking into consideration, the facts and circumstances of the case, the presence of the petitioner is dispensed with and he shall be represented by a counsel, who shall cross

examine the witnesses on the same day, they are examined in Chief. The petitioner shall be present before the Court below at the time of questioning under Section 313 Cr.P.C and at the time of passing of the final judgement.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with a direction to the Court below to complete the proceedings in C.C. No.8056 of 2019 within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The trial shall be conducted on a day to day basis in accordance with the guidelines given by Hon'ble Supreme Court reported in Vinod Kumar Vs State of Punjab [2015 (1) MLJ (Crl) 288 SC]. If the petitioner adopts any dilatory tactics, it is open to the trial Court to insist upon the presence of the petitioner and remand him to custody as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH VS. SHAMBHU NATH SINGH (JT 2001 (4) SC 3191). Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS VII)

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To

1. The Metropolitan Magistrate
Fast Track Court No.I at Egmore,
Allikulam
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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