



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.11.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

Crl.O.P. (MD)No.5553 of 2021

and

Crl.M.P. (MD)Nos.3184 & 3185 of 2021

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K.Mathivanan

... Petitioner/4th accused

vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Commercial Crime Investigation Wing,
Vilupuram (in charge),
Thanjavur Sub Division.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Commercial Crime Investigation Wing,
Tiruchirappalli.
(Ref: Crime No.1 of 2014)

... Respondents 1&2/Complainants

3.K.Athmanathan

... Respondent 3/
Defacto Complainant

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C, to call for records in C.C.No.113 of 2016 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Musiri and quash the charge sheet and consequential all further proceedings as against the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Shanmugha Rajasethupathi
for Mr.D.Senthil

For Respondents : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor for R1&R2

O R D E R

The petitioner herein is figuring as eighth accused in C.C.No.113 of 2016 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Musiri. The petitioner was the Special Officer of Thulaiyanatham Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Society during 2010-11. Alleging that society funds have been misappropriated, Crime No.1 of 2014 came to be registered on the file of the Inspector of Police, Commercial Crime Investigation Wing, Tiruchirappalli. The matter was investigated and final report came to be laid against a number of persons. Out of them, one V.Sudhanthiramani, who was the Co-operative Auditor, filed Crl.O.P.(MD)No.8494 of 2018. By order dated 06.11.2019, a learned Judge of this Court quashed the proceedings.

2. I am more than satisfied that the petitioner is identically placed and hence, the aforesaid order dated 06.11.2019 in Crl.O.P. (MD)No. 8494 of 2018 comes to his rescue. It was held in that judgement that mere negligence in the matter of discharge of duties



cannot attract any criminal liability. The petitioner did not misappropriate the society's funds. It appears to have been done by the employees of the societies. The petitioner was probably negligent. Negligence by itself is not sufficient.

3. Therefore, the impugned proceedings is quashed insofar as the petitioner is concerned. The jurisdictional Magistrate is directed to forthwith serve the copies on the remaining accused and conclude the proceedings on merits and in accordance with law as early as possible.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.D.SENTHIL, Advocate (SR-35104[F] dated 19/11/2021)

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