



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : 14.02.2022
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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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Crl.O.P(MD) No.3064 of 2022
and Crl.M.P(MD) Nos.2293 and 2294 of 2022

1. Saravanan @ Saravanakumar
2. karthik @ Karthikeyan .. Petitioners/Accused No.1 &2

Vs.

1. The Inspector of Police
Solavanthan Police Station
Madurai District .. 1st Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No. 43 of 2016)
2. Dineshkumar ..2nd Respondents/
Defacto Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to call for the records pertaining to the charge sheet in PRC No.29 of 2021 pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti, Madurai District for the alleged offences under Sections 294(b),323 and 307 of IPC and quash the same as against the petitioners/accused No.1 and 2

For Petitioners	: Mr.M.Maran
For Respondents	: Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
No.1	Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in PRC No.29 of 2021 pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti, Madurai District thereby taken cognizance for the offences under Sections 294(b),323 and 307 of IPC, as against this petitioners.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 10.02.2016 at about 3.00 pm., the defacto complainant's brother kannan's marriage ceremony took place in Kaliasman temple, at that time the petitioners came there and questioned why they fixed the flex board in their place at that time A1 attacked the defacto complainant on his head with knife and A2 attacked the defacto complainant 's body with wood and both the accused also attacked on Kannan and Vinothpandi who prevented the quarrel. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the case is pending committal

5. Heard Mr.M.Maran learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Mr.R.M.Anbunithi, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first respondent.

6. It is relevant to rely upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in **Crl.A.No.579 of 2019** dated **02.04.2019** in the case of **Devendra Prasad Singh Vs. State of Bihar & Anr.**, as follows:-

" 12.So far as the second ground is concerned, we are of the view that the High Court while hearing the application under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. had no jurisdiction to appreciate the statement of the witnesses and record a finding that there were inconsistencies in their statements and, therefore, there was no prima facie case made out against respondent No.2. In our view, this could be done only in the trial while deciding the issues on the merits or/and by the Appellate Court while deciding the appeal arising out of the final order passed by the Trial Court but not in Section 482 Cr.P.C. proceedings.

13.In view of the foregoing discussion, we allow the appeal, set aside the impugned order and restore the aforementioned complaint case to its original file for being proceeded with on merits in accordance with law.

7. Recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dealing in respect of the very same issue in **Crl.A.No.1572 of 2019** dated 17.10.2019 in the case of **Central Bureau of Investigation Vs. Arvind Khanna**, wherein, it has been held as follows:

"19. After perusing the impugned order and on hearing the submissions made by the learned senior counsels on both sides, we are of the view that the impugned order passed by the High Court is not sustainable. In a petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., the High Court has recorded findings on several disputed facts and allowed the petition. Defence of the accused is to be tested after appreciating the evidence during trial. The very fact that the High Court, in this case, went into the most minute details, on the allegations made by the appellant-C.B.I., and the defence put-forth by the respondent, led



us to a conclusion that the High Court has exceeded its power, while exercising its inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

20. In our view, the assessment made by the High Court at this stage, when the matter has been taken cognizance by the Competent Court, is completely incorrect and uncalled for."

8. Further the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India also held in the order dated **02.12.2019** in **Crl.A.No.1817 of 2019** in the case of **M.Jayanthi Vs. K.R.Meenakshi & anr**, as follows:

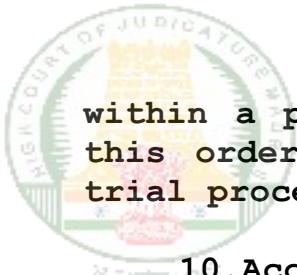
"9. It is too late in the day to seek reference to any authority for the proposition that while invoking the power under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing a complaint or a charge, the Court should not embark upon an enquiry into the validity of the evidence available. All that the Court should see is as to whether there are allegations in the complaint which form the basis for the ingredients that constitute certain offences complained of. The Court may also be entitled to see (i) whether the preconditions requisite for taking cognizance have been complied with or not; and (ii) whether the allegations contained in the complaint, even if accepted in entirety, would not constitute the offence alleged.

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13. A look at the complaint filed by the appellant would show that the appellant had incorporated the ingredients necessary for prosecuting the respondents for the offences alleged. The question whether the appellant will be able to prove the allegations in a manner known to law would arise only at a later stage....."

The above judgments are squarely applicable to this case and as such, the points raised by the petitioners cannot be considered by this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

(*)9. In view of the above discussion, this Court is not inclined to quash the proceedings in PRC No.29 of 2021 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti. The petitioners are at liberty to raise all the grounds before the trial Court. However the personal appearance of the petitioners are dispensed with and they shall be represented by a counsel after filing appropriate application. However, the petitioners shall be present before the Court at the time of furnishing of copies and at the time of committal proceedings and commit the case to the Court of Sessions



within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Further the trial Court is directed to complete the trial proceedings within a period of six months thereafter.

10. Accordingly this criminal original petition is dismissed. Consequently, Connected miscellaneous petition in CRL.MP(MD).No. No. 2293 of 2022 stands dismissed and CRL.MP(MD).No. 2294 of 2022 stands allowed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

(*) Amended as per order of this court dated 24.02.2022

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate , Vadipatti, Madirai district.
2. The Inspector of Police
Solavanthan Police Station
Madurai District
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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