



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.02.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

Crl.O.P(MD)No.2076 of 2022
and
Crl.M.P(MD)No.1539 of 2022

Satheesh Chandran ...Petitioner/1st Accused

Vs.

1.The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Arumanai Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.
(Crime No.159 of 2021) ...Respondent/ Complainant

2.Samuvel,
The Sub-Inspector,
Arumanai Police Station,
Kanyakumari District. ... Respondent/ Defacto Complainant

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to call for the records in connection with Crime No.159 of 2021 on the file of the first respondent police and quash the FIR insofar as the petitioner is concerned.

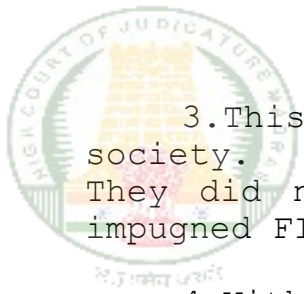
For Petitioner : Mr.R.Rajalakshmi

For R1 : Mr.M.Veeranthiran
Govt. Advocate

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Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

2.The petitioner is figuring as an accused in Crime No.159 of 2021, registered on the file of Arumanai Police Station. The case of the prosecution is that the accused assembled in public in violation of lock down restrictions. It is seen that the accused belongs to a political party. They had assembled to condemn the killing of fellow party workers at West Bengal.



3.This is a legitimate exercise of one's rights in a democratic society. No accused were suffering from any infectious disease. They did not contribute to its spread. The registration of the impugned FIR is unwarranted and it stands quashed.

4.With the said observation, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. The benefit of the order will enure in favour of the non-petitioning accused also. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is also closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (T&P)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To:

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Arumanai Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.
- 2.The Sub-Inspector,
Arumanai Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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