



Crl.O.P.(MD) No.13444 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 03.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

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1. A.Kalimurugan
2. A.Mookapillai
3. P.Mareshwari
4. M.Pandiyarajan ... Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4

Vs

1. The State through
The Inspector of Police,
Kallikudi Police Station,
Madurai District.
(in Crime No.32 of 2020) ... 1st Respondent/ De jure Complainant

2. Suriyadharshini ... 2nd Respondent/ defacto Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to call for the records connected with the case in Crime No.32 of 2020, pending on the file of the first respondent police station and quash the same as illegal. .

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Malaikani

For R1 : Mr.A.Albert James
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

For R2 : Mr.C.Prasanna



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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the FIR in Crime No.32 of 2020, on the file of the first respondent.

2. The case of the prosecution is that marriage between the first petitioner and the defacto complainant took place some ten months prior to the complaint. The first petitioner was working in PTR College and it was a second marriage for both of them. Suspecting the character of the defacto complainant on the inducement of other petitioners, the first petitioner attacked the defacto complainant. Thereafter, she was brought back to her matrimonial home on 26.01.2020. Then on 10.02.2020, 11.02.2020 and 12.02.2020, the petitioners attacked the defacto complainant. Hence, a case came to be registered before the first respondent Police in Crime No.32 of 2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 342, 323, 324 506(ii) I.P.C and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, against the petitioners.



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3. The case is still at the stage of investigation. By passage of time, the parties have decided to bury their hatchet and compromise the dispute amicably among themselves.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the defacto complainant and the accused persons are relatives. They settled the matter out of the Court and they have been filed a Joint Memo of Compromise before this Court which have been signed by the petitioners and the second respondent and also by their respective counsel. The petitioners and the second respondent were also present in person before this Court and they were identified by the learned Government Advocate and Mr.K.Kaliraj, SSI of Police, Kallikudi Police Station, Madurai District. This Court also enquired both the parties and was satisfied that the parties have come to an amicable settlement between themselves.

5. In the instant case, the dispute is of personal in nature and the parties had compromised. Where the parties have compromised the matter, the High Court has to power to quash the F.I.R in Crime No.32 of 2020 for the offence under Sections 294(b), 342, 323, 324, 506(ii) I.P.C and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act.



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6. The legal position expressed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of *Gian Singh vs. State of Panjab and another* reported in (2012)10 SCC 303 and *Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbhai Vs. State of Gujrath*) reported in (2017)9 SCC 641 were taken into consideration.

7. In the light of the guidelines issued in the above said Judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the proceedings in Crime No.32 of 2020 pending before the first respondent police, even though, the offences involved are not compoundable in nature.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and as a sequel, the proceedings in Crime No.32 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent police, is quashed insofar as the petitioners alone and the terms of joint compromise memo shall form part and parcel of this order.

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