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CRL.O.P (MD) No.13786 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

CRL.O.P (MD) No.13786 of 2022

1.Thangaraja
2.Sathishkumar @ Sathish
3.Dineshraj
4.Devaraj

... Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4

Vs.

1.The Inspector of Police,
Koodankulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.164 of 2021)

... 1st Respondent/Complainant

2.Nadesan

...2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to call for records relating to F.I.R. in Crime No.164 of 2021, dated 24.04.2021 on the file of the first respondent and quash the same against the petitioners are concerned.

For Petitioners : Mr.C.Susikumar

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

For R2 : Mr.R.Maheswaran



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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the F.I.R. in Crime No.164 of 2021, dated 24.04.2021 on the file of the first respondent police.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 19.04.2021 the second respondent's son-in-law contacted the second petitioner's wife over phone and spoke abusively, in which, there was a dispute between them. While being so, on 24.04.2021 at about 8.30 a.m., when the second respondent was returning to home from his agriculture field, the first petitioner abused the second respondent's son-in-law by using filthy language and the petitioners 2 to 4 assaulted the second respondent and his daughter by using deadly weapons, in which, they sustained injuries. Hence, the case has been registered.

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.



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4.A Joint Memo of Compromise has been filed 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 Mr.M.Sudalai, Head Constable, Koodankulam Police Station as well as by the learned Counsels appearing for the parties. 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 complaint for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 294(b), 448, 323, 324, 506(ii) of IPC and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, 2002.

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.



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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.164 of 2021 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.164 of 2021 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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Internet: Yes./No

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To

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2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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