



Crl.O.P.(MD) No.14356 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 10.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

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1. V.Sridhar
2. V.Vaikunth
3. S.Chelladurai
4. P.Kumar @ Sermakumar ... Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4

Vs

1. The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Sayarpuram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(in Crime No.148 of 2020) ... 1st Respondent/ Complainant
2. R.Annapushpam ... 2nd Respondent/ Defacto Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, praying to call for the records relating to the FIR in Crime No.148 of 2020, dated 28.07.2020, on the file of the first respondent police and to quash the same as against the petitioners.



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For Petitioners : Mr.AAyiram K.Selvakumar
For R1 : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
For R2 : Mr.V.M.Jegadeesha Pandian

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the FIR in Crime No.148 of 2020, dated 28.07.2020, on the file of the first respondent police.

2.The contention of the petitioners is that based on the complaint lodged by the second respondent, the first respondent registered First Information Report in Crime No.148 of 2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 506(ii) I.P.C, under Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act and under Section 67 of Information and Technology Act, against these petitioners.

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. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the defacto complainant and the accused persons settled the matter out of the Court and they have 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.M.Rajendran, Special Sub-Inspector of Police, Sayarpuram Police Station, Thoothukudi 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 FIR in Crime No.148 of 2020, for the offence under Sections 294(b), 506(ii) I.P.C, under Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act and under Section 67 of Information and Technology 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.148 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.148 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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2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
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