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Crl.O.P.No.5484 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.No.5484 of 2023

and

Crl.M.P.Nos. 3433 & 3434 of 2023

S.Sekar

... Petitioner

Vs.

M/s P.C.Choudhary & Sons

Rep by its Kartha Mr.Padamchand Choudhary

Rep his power agent Mr.S.Nilesh Kadel

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to call for the records in STC No.210 of 2022 on the file of the Fast Track - I Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore at Allikulam Court Complex, Chennai - 3, and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kamadevan

For Respondent : Mr.K.Jagadeeswaran



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ORDER

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This petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the respondents against the petitioner under Section 138 r/w 142 of Negotiable Instruments Act.

2. The grounds raised by the counsel for the petitioner are all factual in nature and it requires appreciation of evidence and this Court cannot decide the same in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code. It is left open to the petitioner to raise all the grounds before the Court and the same shall be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law. This Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings pending before the Court below.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested this Court to dispense with the presence of the petitioner. Taking into consideration, the facts and circumstances of the case, the presence of the petitioner is dispensed with and he shall be



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represented by a counsel, who shall cross examine the witnesses on the same day, they are examined in Chief. The petitioner shall be present before the Court below at the time of questioning under Section 313 Cr.P.C and at the time of passing of the final judgement.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed and the Court below is directed to complete the proceedings in STC No.210 of 2022, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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Index : Yes/No

Speaking order:Yes/No

Neutral citation:Yes/No

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To

1. The Fast Track - I Metropolitan Magistrate,
Egmore at Allikulam Court Complex, Chennai - 3.
2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras

N.ANAND VENKATESH, J



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