



Criminal Original Petition No.10849 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.09.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Criminal Original Petition No.10849 of 2023

and

CrI.M.P.Nos.6857 & 6858 of 2023

Singana Obul Reddy

...Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu
represented by its Drugs Inspector,
Tirupattur Range,
Office of The Assistant Director of Drugs Control,
Vellore Zone,
No.1/50, 6th Street, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar,
Rangapuram, Vellore - 9.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, praying to call for the records and quash the proceedings in C.C.No.104 of 2023 pending on the file of Judicial Magistrate I, Thirupattur.



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For Petitioner : Ms.S.S.Jayanthi

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate [Crl.side]

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.104 of 2023 pending on the file of Judicial Magistrate I, Thirupattur.

2. The grounds raised by learned counsel for 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 below 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. Learned counsel for petitioner requested this Court to dispense



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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 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 judgment.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with a direction to the Court below to complete the proceedings in C.C.No.104 of 2023 within a period of six (6) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

The trial shall be conducted on a day to day basis in accordance with the guidelines given by Hon'ble Supreme Court reported in *Vinod Kumar Vs State of Punjab [2015 (1) MLJ (Crl) 288 SC]*. If the petitioner adopts any dilatory tactics, it is open to the trial Court to insist upon the presence

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of the petitioner and remand him to custody as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Uttar Pradesh v. Shambhu Nath Singh (JT 2001 (4) SC 3191)*.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking order: Yes/No
Neutral citation: Yes/No
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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate I,
Thirupattur.
2. The Drugs Inspector,
Tirupattur Range,
Office of The Assistant Director of Drugs Control,
Vellore Zone,
No.1/50, 6th Street, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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