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Crl.O.P.(MD)No.7765 of 2023



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **26.04.2023**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **G.ILANGO VAN**

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.7765 of 2023
and Crl.M.P.(MD).No.6743 of 2023

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... Petitioner/Accused.

Vs.

The State rep. by Sub-Inspector of Police,
Pudukkottai Town Police Station,
Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu – 622 001.

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to call for the records in Crime No.748 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police and quash the same as against the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Raja Mohamed

For Respondents : Mr.B.Nambiselvan for R1
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking quashment of Crime No.748 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned



Additional Public Prosecutor for the first respondent.

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3.The case of the petitioner is that on 16.05.2020 at about 11.15 hours, the petitioner along with some other persons staged the protest against the Central Government, without getting prior permission and without wearing mask at the time of prohibition due to COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, a case in Crime No.748 of 2020 for the offences punishable under Section 143, 283, 269 and 270 of IPC r/w 51(b) of Disaster Management Act, has been registered. The present petition is filed to quash the First Information Report in Crime No.748 of 2020.

4.It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Government of Tamil Nadu has taken a policy decision to drop all the cases, which was registered against the public during the pandemic period for violation. So nothing is going to be served by directing the petitioner to undergo the trial process or the investigation as the case may be.

5.Accordingly, this criminal original petition is allowed and the FIR in Crime No.748 of 2020 registered on the file of the first respondent in respect of the petitioner is concerned is hereby quashed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.



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To

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