



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.2376 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.02.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.2376 of 2023

and

Crl.M.P.(MD)No.2139 of 2023

- 1.High Court Raja
- 2.Muthulakshmi
- 3.Shanmugasundari
- 4.Rajeswari
- 5.Karthikeyan
- 6.S.Indira Gandhi
- 7.Paramasivan

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Melapalayam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.212 of 2022.

- 2.Thangam

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to call for the records pertaining to the First Information Report in Crime No.212 of 2022 on the file of the first respondent Police and quash the same as illegal.



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For Petitioners : Mr.V.Sorimuthu

For R1 : Mr.M.Muthu Manikkam,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking orders, to call for the records pertaining to the First Information Report in Crime No.212 of 2022 on the file of the first respondent Police and quash the same as illegal.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 13.05.2022 at about 07.00 am somebody has changed the lock of the defacto complainant's home and when she enquired the same, her mother-in-law, father-in-law, husband and her three in-laws came there and started wordy quarrel with the defacto complainant and abused her in filthy language and suddenly attacked her and also caused injuries in the neck, back and head of the defacto complainant and that subsequently, she was admitted in Tirunelveli Government College Hospital and on the basis of the statement given by her, FIR came to be registered.



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3. The main contention of the petitioners is that the present complaint has been lodged only to wreck vengeance, that there are no averments in the FIR, to attract the ingredients of the offences under Sections 294(b), 323, 506(ii) IPC and under Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act are satisfied and that the above FIR was registered with *mala fide* intention.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***State of Haryana and others Vs. Bhajan Lal and others*** reported in ***1992 SCC (Cri) 426*** has enumerated 7 categories of cases, where the power can be exercised under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure and the same are extracted hereunder:-

“102. In the backdrop of the interpretation of the various relevant provisions of the Code under Chapter XIV and of the principles of law enunciated by this Court in a series of decisions relating to the exercise of the extraordinary power under Article 226 or the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Code which we have extracted and reproduced above, we give the following



categories of cases by way of illustration wherein such power could be exercised either to prevent abuse of the process of any court or otherwise to secure the ends of justice, though it may not be possible to lay down any precise, clearly defined and sufficiently channelised and inflexible guidelines or rigid formulae and to give an exhaustive list of myriad kinds of cases wherein such power should be exercised.

(1) where the allegations made in the First Information Report or the complaint, even if they are taken at their face value and accepted in their entirety do not prima facie constitute any offence or make out a case against the accused;

(2) where the allegations in the First Information Report and other materials, if any, accompanying the F.I.R. do not disclose a cognizable offence, justifying an investigation by police officers under Section 156(1) of the Code except under an order of a Magistrate within the purview of Section 155(2) of the Code;

(3) where the uncontroverted allegations made in the FIR or 'complaint and the evidence collected in support of the same do not disclose the commission of any offence and make out a case against the accused;



(4) where the allegations in the FIR do not constitute a cognizable offence but constitute only a non-cognizable offence, no investigation is permitted by a police officer without an order of a Magistrate as contemplated under Section 155(2) of the Code;

(5) where the allegations made in the FIR or complaint are so absurd and inherently improbable on the basis of which no prudent person can ever reach a just conclusion that there is sufficient ground for proceeding against the accused;

(6) where there is an express legal bar engrafted in any of the provisions of the Code or the concerned Act (under which a criminal proceeding is instituted) to the institution and continuance of the proceedings and/or where there is a specific provision in the Code or the concerned Act, providing efficacious redress for the grievance of the aggrieved party;

(7) where a criminal proceeding is manifestly attended with mala fide and/or where the proceeding is maliciously instituted with an ulterior motive for wreaking vengeance on the accused and with a view to spite him due to private and personal grudge.”



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WEB COPY 5. In *Dr.Dhruvaram Murlidhar Sonar Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others* reported in **2019 (18) SCC 191**, the Hon'ble Apex Court has specifically held that exercise of powers under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the proceedings is an exception and not a rule. It is settled law that the inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is wide but at the same time, the same is to be exercised sparingly, carefully and with caution and only when such exercise is justified by the tests specifically laid down in the Section itself.

6. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Kaptan Singh Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh and others* reported in **2021 (3) Crimes 247** has stated that, that Court in catena of decisions has observed that the High Court is not required to go into the merits of the allegations and/or enter into the merits of the case as if the High Court is exercising the appellate jurisdiction and/or conducting the trial and that question is required to be examined keeping in view, the contents of FIR and *prima facie* materials, if any, requiring no proof and at such stage, the High Court cannot appreciate evidence nor can it draw its own inferences from contents of FIR and materials relied on.



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7. In the case on hand, a cursory perusal of the FIR makes out a *prima facie* case to proceed against the accused. Hence, this Court concludes that this is not a fit case to invoke Section 482 Cr.P.C., for quashing the FIR at this stage and the same is liable to be dismissed.

8. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. The first respondent Police is directed to complete the investigation and file final report within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
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- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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