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Crl.OP.No.8624 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.04.2024

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THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN

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V.Selvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. R.Prem Anand
2. R.Ashok Anand @ Saravanan
3. S.Ramachandran
4. R.V.Kanchana
5. The State Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Hasthamapatti Police Station,
Salem City.
Crime No.785 of 2014
6. S.Usharani

... Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the learned III Additional District and Sessions Court at Salem to dispose the case in S.C.No.66 of 2017 expeditiously as possible within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Shabanal

For Respondents : Mr.S.Udayakumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

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2. This Court after taking note of the fact that the case is of the year 2014 even after 10 years not yet reach the logical end. Hence, report from the trial Court was called.

3. The learned III Additional Sessions Judge, Salem in his report had stated that though the final report was filed in the year 2015 in P.R.C.No.9 of 2015, the same was taken cognizance in S.C.66 of 2017 and made over to the III Additional District Court, Salem. Thereafter, the accused persons one after another have approached the Court to quash the case and got interim relief of stay. Finally, the stay granted, got vacated by an order dated 10.11.2022.

4. When the matter was taken up for trial, A1 to A4 have filed



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petition for discharge under Section 227 of Cr.P.C and the same is pending and therefore, had expressed difficulty in commencing the trial.

5. Taking note of the above facts and the dilated tactics adopted by the accused persons, filing petition after petition for quash one after another and now discharge petition, direct the trial Court to dispose of the discharge petition as early as possible and commence the trial and complete the same within a period of six months. No undue adjournments for cross examination witnesses to be granted. The trial must be conducted on day to day basis as far as possible.

6. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

23.04.2024

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To

1. The III Additional District and
Sessions Court, Salem.

Dr.G.JAYACHANDRAN,J.



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2. The Inspector of Police,
Hasthamapatti Police Station,
Salem City.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai.

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