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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P No.19129 of 2023
and CRL.M.P No.12819 of 2023

S.Karthikeyan

...Petitioner

Vs.

Masco (Deceased)

M.Deepa

W/o.Late Masco

...Respondent

[substituted vide order in Crl.M.P.No.23298 of 2022 dated 23.02.2023]

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.10028 of 2017 pending on the file of the Metropolitan Magistrate, Fast Track Court II (Metropolitan Magistrate level), Allikulam.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Jeyakumar

For Respondent : Mr.K.Balasubramaniam

ORDER

This petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the respondents against the petitioner under Section 200 of Cr.P.C., read with 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act.



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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. The facts of this case and grounds raised the quash petition does not fall within the parameters laid down by the Apex Court in ***Bhajanlal*** case reported in ***(1992) Suppl (1) SCC 335***. 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 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 and as and when required by the Court below.



4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed and the Court below is directed to complete the proceedings in C.C.No.10028 of 2017, 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/Non-speaking Order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

- 1.The Metropolitan Magistrate,
Fast Track Court II (Metropolitan Magistrate level), Allikulam.
- 2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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