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CrI.O.P.No.2829 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CrI.O.P.No.2829 of 2024

and

CrI.M.P.No.1999 of 2024

- 1.Vijay
S/o.Nagarajan
- 2.Vetrichelvan
S/o.Renganathan
- 3.Manikandan
S/o.Rayar
- 4.Gokul
S/o.Pazhanivel
- 5.Kumaraguru
S/o.Baskar

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. State represented by
Inspector of Police
T.Palur Police Station
Ariyalur District
(Crime No.531 of 2021)
2. Rajendran

... Respondents



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Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying to call for the records pertaining to the FIR in Crime No.531 of 2021 on the file of the first respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Gangadaran
for Mr.K.Jagadeswari
For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor [R1]

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the First Information Report in Crime No.531 of 2021 on the file of the first respondent.

2. Heard Mr.K.Gangadaran, learned counsel for petitioners and Mr.A.Damodaran, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for first respondent.

3. The First Information Report was registered by the respondent police for offences u/s.143, 269 and 270 IPC, Section 3 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. This First Information Report came to be registered during the pandemic period.



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4. In the considered view of this Court, even if a final report is filed now, it will be a bar u/s.468 Cr.P.C. and the Court below cannot take cognizance since the final report is filed beyond the period of limitation. Admittedly, till date, no final report has been filed. The facts of the present case does not warrant exercising jurisdiction u/s.482 Cr.P.C. Hence, the continuation of investigation will not serve any purpose.

5. In the light of the above discussion, the First Information Report in Crime No.531 of 2021 on the file of the first respondent, is hereby quashed.

Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking Order/Non-speaking Order
Index :Yes/No
Neutral citation: Yes/No
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To

1. The Inspector of Police
T. Palur Police Station
Ariyalur District

2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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