



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.14908 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 26.09.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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1.Chinnadurai
2.Chandran
3.Dhanalakshmi
4.Mahalakshmi
5.Sundaram
6.Manickam

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The State of Tamilnadu represented by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Melur,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.16 of 2022)

2.Seethalakshmi M.A.B.L.,
Advocate,
Free Legal Help Center,
District Court,
Madurai.

3.xxxxxx

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 B.N.S.S.,
to call for the entire records pertaining to the case in Crime No.16 of
2022 on the file of the first respondent police and quash the same.



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For Petitioners : Mr.M.Murugesan
For R1 : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)
For R3 : Mr.D.Senguttuarasan

ORDER

The Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 528 B.N.S.S., seeking orders to quash the FIR in Crime No.16 of 2022 dated 15.05.2022 pending on the file of the first respondent.

2. The case of the prosecution is that marriage between the first petitioner and the third respondent/victim, who was aged 15 years, was solemnized in the year 2021 under the compulsion of the petitioners 2 to 6 and that on the basis of the complaint lodged by the Free Legal Help Center Advocate, FIR came to be registered in Crime No.16 of 2022.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the second respondent has lodged a complaint before the first respondent and on that basis, FIR came to be registered in Crime No.16 of 2022 dated



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15.05.2022 for the offences under Sections 5(l) and 6 of Protection of Child from Sexual Offences Act and Sections 9 and 10 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act against the petitioners.

4. In the case on hand, complaint came to be lodged by the Advocate from the Free Legal Help Centre.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as the learned counsel appearing for the victim would submit that the marriage was solemnized on 21.04.2024 and that the marriage was registered on 18.09.2024.

6. The case is still under the investigation. By passage of time, the parties have decided to bury their hatchet and compromise the dispute amicably among themselves.

7. A Joint Memo of Compromise dated 03.07.2024 has been filed before this Court which have been signed by the petitioners and the third respondent and also by their respective counsel. The petitioners and the



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in keeping the proceedings in Crime No.16 of 2022 pending before the first respondent police, even though, the offences involved are not compoundable in nature.

11. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and as a sequel, the proceedings in Crime No.16 of 2022 on the file of the first respondent police, is quashed and the terms of joint compromise memo dated 03.07.2024 shall form part and parcel of this order.

26.09.2024

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Melur,
Madurai District.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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K.MURALI SHANKAR,J.

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