



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.16916 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.16916 of 2024

and

Crl.M.P.(MD)Nos.10639 and 10640 of 2024

1.Periyasamy

2.Shanthi

3.Shanthi

4.Sathayee

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Karaikudi Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(Crime No.60 of 2023)

2.Rajakumari

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 B.N.S.S.,
to call for the records relating to the impugned charge sheet in C.C.No.
268 of 2023 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi and quash
the same as illegal.



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For Petitioners : M/s.B.Muthumari
For R1 : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed, invoking Section 528 B.N.S.S., seeking orders to quash the charge sheet in C.C.No.268 of 2023 pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi.

2. It is evident from the records that on the basis of the complaint given by the second respondent, FIR came to be registered in Crime No. 60 of 2023 and after completing the investigation, charge sheet came to be filed for the offences under Sections 294(b), 323 and 506(2) IPC and Section 4 of TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 against the petitioners and the case was taken on file in C.C.No.268 of 2023 and is pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi.

3. It is not in dispute that in counter FIR in Crime No.125 of 2023, charge sheet came to be filed and the case was taken on file in C.C.No. 192 of 2024 and is pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi.



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4. The case of the prosecution is that the second respondent's son had driven a vehicle in a rash and negligent manner and when the same was questioned, the second respondent went to the house of the first petitioner and quarreled with them and at that time, the petitioners had attacked the second respondent, abused her in filthy language and attacked her and caused criminal intimidation.

5. The main contention of the petitioners is that since a complaint was lodged against the second respondent, they have given a false complaint and on that basis, the present FIR came to be registered, that there existed some previous enmity between the first petitioner and the investigating officer and that without conducting proper investigation, charge sheet came to be filed.

6. It is not dispute that case and case in counter are pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi, but that by itself is not a ground to quash the charge sheet at this stage and it is for the Court to decide who is the aggressor. The points/aspects canvassed by the petitioners, by no stretch of imagination, can be considered as reason/



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ground to impugn the charge sheet. Except the above, the petitioners have not canvassed any other reason or ground to quash the charge sheet.

7. 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.



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(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



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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.”

8. 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



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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.

9. 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.

10. A cursory perusal of the final report and the statements filed along with the final report would make it clear that there existed a *prima facie* case to proceed against the petitioners.



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11. Considering the above and also the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) and also taking note of the fact that this is not a fit case to quash the charge sheet against the petitioners, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief claimed.

12. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the appearance of the petitioners before the trial Court may be dispensed with.

13. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition in Crl.M.P.(MD)No. 10639 of 2024 is closed.

14. Considering the facts and circumstances, the personal appearance of the petitioners 2 to 4 before the trial Court is ordered to be dispensed with, on conditions that they shall appear at the time of initial questioning, proceedings under Section 313 of Cr.P.C., and at the time of passing judgment and on all the hearings, specifically directed by the trial court. The petitioners 2 to 4 are further directed to give an



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undertaking in the form of affidavit that they will be duly represented by a counsel on all hearing dates and that the counsel representing them will cross examine the prosecution witnesses on the same day they are examined in chief. The petitioners 2 to 4 shall not dispute the identity of the witnesses. The petitioners 2 to 4 shall appear before the Court in the event their presence are insisted by the trial judge for the purpose of identification. If the petitioners 2 to 4 adopts any dilatorial tactics, it is open to the Trial Court to insist for their appearance and deal with the petitioners 2 to 4 in accordance with the judgment of Supreme Court of India, *in State of Uttar Pradesh Vs. Shambunath Singh*, reported in ***2001 (4) SCC 667***.

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To
1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Karaikudi.
2.The Inspector of Police,
Karaikudi Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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