



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.17849 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.17849 of 2024

and

Crl.M.P.(MD)Nos.11022 and 11024 of 2024

1.Pandi

2.Muthaiya

3.Saravanakannan

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Thirumangalam Town Police Station,
Thirumangalam,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.159 of 2024)

2.Latha

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 B.N.S.S.,
to call for the records in C.C.No.264 of 2024 on the file of the Judicial
Magistrate, Thirumangalam and to quash the same.



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For Petitioners : Mr.R.M.Siranjeevi

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.264 of 2024 pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Thirumangalam.

2. On the basis of the complaint given by the second respondent, FIR came to be registered in Crime No.159 of 2024 on 03.05.2024 and after completing the investigation, charge sheet came to be filed for the alleged offences under Sections 147, 294(b), 323 and 506(1) IPC and Section 4 of TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 against six persons including the petitioners herein and the same was taken on file in C.C.No.264 of 2024 and is pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Thirumangalam.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 25.03.2024 at about 08.00 p.m., when the second respondent was in her house, the accused 1



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to 6 entered into her house and abused the second respondent in filthy language and that the first accused had torn the nighty of the second respondent and when the same was questioned by the mother of the second respondent, the accused pushed her down to ground and attacked her.

4. The main contention of the petitioners is that the petitioners' name does not find place in the FIR and that subsequently they have been falsely implicated in the above case. According to the prosecution, during investigation, on examining the witnesses, they came to know about the involvement of the petitioners and hence, they were added as accused. Just because the petitioners' name does not find place in the FIR, that by itself is not a ground to quash the charge sheet.

5. As rightly contended by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioners and the points / aspects now canvassed by the petitioners cannot be gone into, in the present quash proceedings and are matter for trial. Except the above, the petitioners have not canvassed any other



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reason or ground to quash the charge sheet.

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6. 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.

(1) where the allegations made in the



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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 on the basis of which no prudent person can ever



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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.”

7. 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 wide but at the same time, the same is to be exercised sparingly, carefully



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and with caution and only when such exercise is justified by the tests specifically laid down in the Section itself.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Considering the above and also the submission made by the



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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.

11. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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NCC : Yes / No
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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Thirumangalam.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thirumangalam Town Police Station,
Thirumangalam,
Madurai District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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