



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.19238 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 07.11.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Thiruneelakudi Police Station,
Thanjavur.
(Crime No.590 of 2023)

2.Vinoth ... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to call for the records in F.I.R. in Crime No.590 of 2023, on the file of the first respondent Police and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.I.Velpradeep

For R1 : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

For R2 : Ms.S.Thilagavathi



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ORDER

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The Criminal Original Petition has been filed invoking Section 528 B.N.S.S., 2023, seeking orders to quash the F.I.R. in Crime No.590 of 2023, pending on the file of the first respondent Police.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on the night of 14th August, 2023, the petitioner posted a defamatory message on his Facebook account, under the name 'Priya Anbu', about M.K.Stalin, who is the President of the Adudurai Town Panchayat. This activity continued regularly, and at one point, the petitioner posted that M.K.Stalin was a 'rowdy' and a 'thief,' which created a fear of unrest in the Village. Hence, the second respondent lodged a complaint.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the second respondent has lodged a complaint before the first respondent Police and on that basis, F.I.R. came to be registered in Crime No.590 of 2023, dated 16.08.2023, for the offences under Sections 153, 504 and 505(2) of I.P.C., against the petitioner.



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4. 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.

5. A Joint Memo of Compromise, dated 29.10.2024, has been filed before this Court, which has been signed by the petitioner and the second respondent and also by their respective counsel. The petitioner and the second respondent were also present in person before this Court and they were identified by Mr.M.Raghunath, Special Sub-Inspector of Police, Thiruneelakudi Police Station, Thanjavur District, as well as by the learned counsels appearing for the parties. This Court also enquired both the parties and was satisfied that the parties have come to an amicable settlement between themselves.

6. In the instant case, the dispute is of personal in nature and now the parties had compromised. Where the parties have compromised the matter, the High Court has power to quash the complaint for the offences under Sections 153, 504 and 505(2) of I.P.C.



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7. The legal position expressed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and another*** reported in ***(2012)10 SCC 303*** and ***Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Vs. State of Gujarat*** reported in ***(2017) 9 SCC 641*** were taken into consideration.

8. In the light of the guidelines issued in the above said Judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the proceedings in Crime No.590 of 2023, pending before the first respondent Police, even though, the offences involved are not compoundable in nature.

9. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and as a sequel, the proceedings in Crime No.590 of 2023, on the file of the first respondent Police, is quashed and the terms of joint compromise memo dated 29.10.2024, shall form part and parcel of this order.

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NCC : Yes / No
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- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruneelakudi Police Station,
Thanjavur.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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