



CRP No.1911 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S. SOUNTHAR

**CRP No.1911 of 2025 and
CMP Nos.10941 and 10946 of 2025**

1. Kamila
2. Anthonyraj

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. Steffi
2. Richard

... Respondents

PRAYER: Civil Revision Petition filed under Article 227 of Constitution of India to strike off the petition in D.V.C.No.16 of 2025 filed under the Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 on the file of the Special Court for Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, Coimbatore (At Magisterial level).

For Petitioners: Mr.S.Karthick Ramkumar

For Respondents: Not ready in notice

ORDER

This civil revision petition is filed seeking to strike off the complaint in DVC No.16 of 2025 preferred by the 1st respondent under the provisions of Domestic Violence Act as against the petitioners.



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2. The petitioners herein are the parents in-law of the first respondent and the 2nd respondent herein is husband of first respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the allegations made in the complaint are very vague and therefore, the Magistrate ought not to have issued process against the petitioners.

4 . In view of the Law settled by this Court in ***Arul Daniel and Others Versus Suganya*** reported in (2022) SCC Online Mad 5435, if the petitioners are aggrieved by the initiation of the proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act, it is for them to move the very same Magistrate raising preliminary issues. The relevant observation of Full Bench reads as follows:-

87(vii). *As there is no issuance of process as contemplated under Section 204, Cr.P.C. in a proceeding under the D.V. Act, the principle laid down in Adalat Prasad v. Rooplal Jindal ((2004) 7 SCC 338) that a process, under Section 204, Cr.P.C, once issued cannot be reviewed or recalled, will not apply to a proceeding under the D.V. Act. Consequently, it would be open to an aggrieved respondent (s) to approach the Magistrate and raise the issue of maintainability and other preliminary issues. Issues like the existence of a shared household/domestic*



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relationship etc., which form the jurisdictional basis for entertaining an application under Section 12, can be determined as a preliminary issue, in appropriate cases. Any person aggrieved by such an order may also take recourse to an appeal under Section 29 of the D.V. Act for effective redress (See V.K. Vijayalekshmi Amma v. Bindu V., (2010) 87 AIC 367). This would stem the deluge of petitions challenging the maintainability of an application under Section 12 of the D.V. Act, at the threshold before this Court under Article 227 of the Constitution.

Hence, this court is not inclined to exercise its Supervisory Power available under Article 227 of Constitution of India to strike off the complaint.

5. Accordingly, this civil revision petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. The petitioners are at liberty to move the concerned Magistrate for getting appropriate remedy as per law laid down in **Arul Daniel case**.



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6. Taking into consideration the proceedings initiated before learned Magistrate is predominantly civil in nature, the personal appearance of the petitioners during enquiry before Magistrate is dispensed with, unless their personal appearance is absolutely necessary.

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To

1. The Special Court for protection of Women
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