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C.R.P.No.5380 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.SOUNTHAR

C.R.P.No.5380 of 2025
and C.M.P.No.27071 of 2025

1.Aakash babu

2.C.Usharani

3.N.Sureshbabu

... Petitioners

vs.

M.Krithika

... Respondent

PRAYER: Civil Revision Petition is filed under Article 227 of Constitution of India, to call for the records relating to DVC No.12 of 2025 on the file of IX Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Saidapet, Chennai and strike off of the petition filed by the respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Vijayakumar

ORDER

The Civil Revision Petition is filed seeking to call for the records pertaining to the domestic violence complaint filed by the respondent herein pending on the file of the IX Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Saidapet, Chennai in D.V.C.No.12 of 2025 and strike off the same.



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2. Aggrieved by the issuance of process in the domestic complaint preferred by the respondent/wife in D.V.C.No.12 of 2025, the petitioners, who are husband and parents-in-law of the respondent have come before this Court.

3. The Full Bench of this Court in the case of ***Arul Daniel and Others Versus Suganya*** reported in ***(2022) SCC Online Mad 5435*** held that any person aggrieved by the process issued by the Judicial Magistrate can go before the very same Judicial Magistrate and raise preliminary objections with regard to the issues like existence of a shared household/domestic relationship etc. If any order is passed, the aggrieved person can also take recourse to an appeal under Section 29 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. The relevant portion 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 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.”

4. In view of the categorical pronouncement of law by the Full Bench of this Court that a person aggrieved by issuance of process can very well approach the concerned Magistrate seeking to strike off the DVC complaint, this Court is not inclined to exercise its supervisory power under Article 227 of the Constitution of India as held by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Virudhunagar Nadargal Dharma Paripalana Shabha Vs Tuticorin Educational Society*** reported in ***MANU/SC/1365/2019***.



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5. Accordingly, the Civil Revision Petition is dismissed with liberty

to the petitioners to approach the very same Magistrate seeking to strike off the DVC complaint. If any such application is filed and preliminary issue with regard to the maintainability of the petition against revision petitioners arise, the Magistrate shall consider the same and dispose of the same as expeditiously as possible.

6. Taking into consideration the petitioners 2 and 3 are aged parents-in-law of the respondent/claimant, this Court is inclined to dispense with their personal appearance before the IX Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet, Chennai, unless their personal appearance is essentially required. No costs. Consequently, the connected civil miscellaneous petition is closed.

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