



Crl.O.P.No.24842 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.09.2025

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CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

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and Crl.M.P.No.16916 of 2025

1. Arunachalam Suna Pana
2. S.P.Valliammai
3. Sivagami ... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
W-33 All Women Police Station,
Virugambakkam Police Station,
Chennai - 600 093. (Crime No.18 of 2025)
2. Meena Rukmani ... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C/528 of BNSS, to call for the records in Crime No.18 of 2025 on the file of the first respondent Police and quash the same as against the petitioners.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.G.Gokul
For R1	:	Mr.R.Vinothraja
		Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
For R2	:	Mr.C.Arun Kumar



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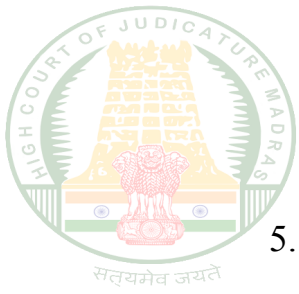
ORDER

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2. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

3. Based on the complaint given by the de facto complainant/R2, a case in Crime No.18 of 2025 was registered for the offences under Sections 498(A) and 406 IPC.

4. Learned counsel appearing on either side submitted that the petitioners have settled the dispute with the de facto complainant/second respondent amicably and filed a Memorandum of Compromise dated 13.08.2025. Based on the said compromise memo, the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, disposed of the Civil Miscellaneous Appeal in C.M.A.No.831 of 2025 vide order dated 14.08.2025 and granted a decree of divorce. Therefore, seek to quash the First Information Report.

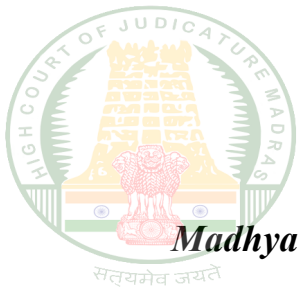


5. The petitioners and the de-facto complainant/R2 appeared before this Court and were identified by their respective counsel.

6. On being enquired by this Court, the de facto complainant stated that she has amicably settled the dispute with the petitioners and she is not willing to pursue the criminal proceedings against the petitioners and therefore, seeks to quash the same.

7. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing on behalf of the first respondent submitted that though the parties entered into a compromise while this case is pending, this Court, taking into account the seriousness of the offence has to consider the issue as to whether an offence of this nature can be quashed on the ground of compromise between parties.

8. The main issue that requires the consideration of this Court is as to whether this Court can quash the criminal proceedings involving non-compoundable offences pending against the petitioners. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbhai Vs. State of Gujarat*, reported in *2017 9 SCC 641* and in case of *The State of*



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Madhya Pradesh Vs. Dhruv Gurjar and Another reported in ***(2019) 2 MLJ***

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9. In the present case, the offences in question are purely individual/personal in nature. It involves dispute between the petitioners and the second respondent and quashing the proceedings will not affect any overriding public interest in this case and no useful purpose will be served in continuing with the criminal proceedings.

10. In view of the above, this Court, considering the fact that the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court accepting the Memorandum of Compromise filed by the parties, disposed the C.M.A.No.831 of 2025 in terms of the Memorandum of Compromise on 14.08.2025, is inclined to



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quash the First Information Report registered in Crime No.18 of 2025

pending on the file of the first respondent in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.

11. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. The First Information Report in Crime No.18 of 2025 pending on the file of the first respondent, is quashed as against the petitioners. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The Inspector of Police,
W-33 All Women Police Station,
Virugambakkam Police Station,
Chennai - 600 093.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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