



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.1445 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.01.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.1445 of 2025
and Crl.M.P.(MD)No.968 of 2025

Mr. Ravi Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Inspector of Police,
Melur Police Station,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2. Sugumaran

... Respondents

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS,
To call for the records pertaining to the impugned First Information Report
in Crime No. 428 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police dated
30.07.2024 and quash the same as illegal as against the petitioners alone.

For Petitioner : M/s.T.Seeni Syed Amma

For Respondents 1 : Mr.A.Thiruvadi Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

This Petition has been filed to quash the F.I.R in Crime No. 428 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent police.

2. The crux of the case is that the second respondent/defacto complainant gave a complaint before the first respondent police stating that on account of theft committed in the shop of his wife, he lodged a complaint on 10.08.2022. On 19.08.2022, he went to the police station for an enquiry, where the accused persons assaulted the defacto complainant and threatened him to withdraw the complaint and the same was refused by him. Based on the same was registered in Crime No.428 of 2024 on 30.07.2024 for the offence under Sections 166, 294(b), 323, 506(i) IPC.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent. Perused the materials available on record.

4. On perusal of the records, this Court satisfy with the ingredients of the offences under Sections 166, 294(b), 323, 506(i) IPC and the same is required to be investigated by the police officer.



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4.1. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the following cases;

- ***Gimpex (P) Ltd. v. Manoj Goel*** reported in **2022 (11) SCC 705 :: 2021 SCC Online SC 925,**
- ***Amish Devgan v. Union of India***, reported in **(2021) 1 SCC 1 : (2021) 1 SCC (Cri) 247 :: 2020 SCC OnLine SC 994,**
- ***H.P. Cricket Assn. v. State of H.P.***, reported in **(2020) 18 SCC 465 : (2021) 3 SCC (Cri) 555 : 2018 SCC OnLine SC 2419,**
- ***Rajeev Kourav v. Baisahab***, reported in **(2020) 3 SCC 317 : (2020) 2 SCC (Cri) 51 : 2020 SCC OnLine SC 168,**
- ***Saranya v. Bharathi***, reported in **(2021) 8 SCC 583 : (2021) 3 SCC (Cri) 377 : 2021 SCC OnLine SC 634**

had held that the High Court has no inherent powers to interfere with the investigation, unless it is found that the allegations do not disclose the commission of a cognizable offence or the power of investigation is being exercised by the police malafidely and the High Court, while exercising its jurisdiction either under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure or under Article 226 of Constitution of India petition seeking for quashing of FIR, should be extremely cautious and slow to interfere with the investigation, prosecution, except when it is convinced beyond any



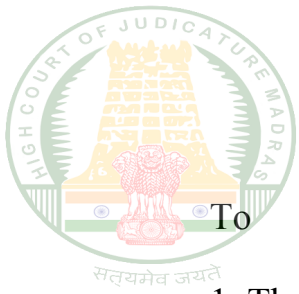
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manner of doubt that fair investigation was not done. Hence, this Court finds no reason to entertain this quash petition when the allegations made in the FIR, *prima facie* constitute the offences under Sections 166, 294(b), 323 and 506(i) IPC. Further, this Court is unable to accept the argument of the learned counsel for the petitioner to appreciate the material produced before this Court and the defence of the petitioner at this stage.

5. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. The respondent Police is directed to file final report in Cr.No.428 of 2024 before the concerned Court within a period of six (6) months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. The petitioner is at liberty to file a petition for quash, after filing of final report, if so advised. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes / No
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Internet : Yes / No
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