

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.9375 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 11.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HON`BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.9375 of 2025
and
Crl.M.P.(MD)No.6800 of 2025

1.Sivapandi

2.Karuppasami

3.Soundhara

3.Sruthi

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Inspector of Police,
Vadipatti Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.224 of 2024)

2.Ponnulatchmi

... Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 BNSS, to call for the records relating to Crime No.224 of 2024 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Vadipatti Police Station, Madurai District and quash the same.



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For Petitioners : Mr.A.B.Jeeva

For R1 : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad,
Government Advocate(CrI.side)

For R2 : Mrs.P.Jeya Prabha

ORDER

The petitioners are accused in Cr.No. 224 of 2024 registered for the offence under Sections 296(b), 115(2), 118(1), 351(3), 49 BNS and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 on the file of the first respondent Police. They have filed this application to quash the proceedings pending against them, on the ground that the issue has been amicably settled among themselves.

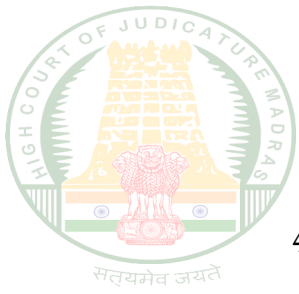
2.The case has been registered for the offence under Sections 296(b), 115(2), 118(1), 351(3), 49 BNS and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, in which, the offence under Sections 296(b), 118(1) and 49 BNS and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002



are not compoundable. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in

Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbhai Vs. State of Gujrath [2017 9 SCC 641] and in *The State of Madhya Pradesh Vs. Dhruv Gurjar and Another* [(2019) 2 MLJ CrI 10], has given sufficient guidelines that must be taken into consideration by the Court while exercising its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Cr.P.C,(528 BNSS) to quash non-compoundable offences. One very important test that has been laid down is that the Court must necessarily examine whether the crime in question is purely individual in nature or a crime against the society with overriding public interest. It has been repeatedly cautioned that offences against the society with overriding public interest even if it gets settled between the parties, cannot be quashed by this Court.

3.Here, the prosecution case is that the first petitioner and the defacto complainant are husband and wife and other petitioners are in-laws. Due to family dispute, the petitioners abused and also assaulted her.



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4.Since the conflict is between the private individuals and not affecting the Society at large, this Court entertained this petition, ordered notice and also directed the investigation officer to ascertain as to whether the compromise arrived between the parties is a voluntary one, without any threat or coercion.

5.The petitioners, the defacto complainant are present before this Court today. The defacto complainant submits that she is living with her husband and she is not inclined to prosecute the case. To that effect, they have also filed a joint compromise memo dated 11.06.2025.

6.The investigation officer, after verification, has filed a report that the compromise arrived upon between the parties is genuine, without any threat or coercion.

7.This Court has verified the parties with their Aadhar Cards and also verified as to the present status. The parties have expressed their willingness to solve the issue.



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8. In the case on hand, the offences are purely individual in nature and the conflict is between the private individuals and it is not affecting the Society at large. It involves the petitioners and the second respondent / defacto complainant. Quashing the case will not affect any overriding public interest. The defacto complainant herself has submitted that she does not want to prosecute the case any further. Under such circumstances, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the case pending, even though some of the offences involved are not compoundable in nature. On the other hand, keeping the proceedings pending will only swell the mental agony of the parties.

9. In view of the above position and following the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the cases referred supra, this Court is inclined to quash the proceedings, though certain offences are non-compoundable, in order to avoid further conflict between the parties.



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WEB COPY 10. Accordingly, this original petition is allowed and the proceedings in Cr.No.224 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent Police is hereby quashed. The joint compromise memo dated 11.06.2025, signed by the parties, shall form part and parcel of this order. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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- To
- 1.The Inspector of Police,
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 - 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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