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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRL OP No. 3104 of 2026

1. Santhakumar
2. Gopinath
3. Vasuki
4. Jaya
5. Kalaiselvi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Rep. by its,
Inspector of Police,
Kurisilapet Police Station,
Tirupattur District.
(Crime No.46/2024)
2. Kamalanathan

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of B.N.S.S., to call for records in C.C.No.72 of 2025 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Tirupattur and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.Parthiban

For Respondent(s):

Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan

Addl. Public Prosecutor for R1

Mr.R.Rajadurai for R2



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.72 of 2025, pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Tirupattur, on the basis of the compromise arrived at between the petitioners and the *de facto* complainant/second respondent.

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. 46 of 2024 was registered on the file of the first respondent Police against the petitioners, for the offences under Sections 294(b), 323, 34 and 326 of IPC. After completion of investigation, the final report has been filed before the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tirupattur and the same has been taken cognizance in C.C.No.72 of 2025.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as for the *de facto* complainant submitted that on the advice of elders, the parties have now amicably settled the issue among themselves. Hence, they seek to quash the First Information Report as against the petitioners. Affidavits and Joint Memo of Compromise to that effect have also been filed.

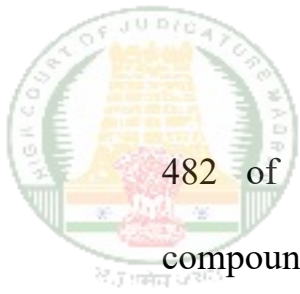


5. The petitioners and the *de facto* complainant/R2 appeared before this Court and they were identified by their respective counsel as well as by Mr.P.Karunanidhi, SI, Kurisilapet Police Station, Tirupathur District.

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

7. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the first respondent submitted that though the parties have entered into a compromise while this case is pending, this Court, taking into account the seriousness of the offences, has to consider the issue as to whether offences 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, has given sufficient guidelines that must be taken into consideration by this Court while exercising its jurisdiction under Section



482 of Cr.P.C. (corresponding to Section 528 BNSS), to quash non-compoundable offences. One very important test that has been laid down is that the Court must necessarily examine if the crime in question is purely individual in nature or a crime against the society with overriding public interest. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that offences against the society with overriding public interest even if they get settled between the parties, cannot be quashed by this Court.

9. In the present cases, 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. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.72 of 2025, pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tirupattur, in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C./Section 528 BNSS.

10. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of and the proceedings in C.C.No.72 of 2025, pending on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Tirupattur is quashed as against the petitioners, on condition that the petitioners jointly pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as costs to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority



(TNSLSA), High Court Campus, Chennai 600 104, within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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11. The affidavits and the Joint Memo of Compromise filed by the petitioners and the second respondent for compromising the offences shall form part of the records.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kurisilapet Police Station,
Tirupathur District.
2. The Member Secretary,
The Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority (TNSLSA),
High Court Campus, Chennai.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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