



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

**CRL OP No. 14109 of 2026
and CRL OP NO. 14974 OF 2026**

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CRL OP No. 14109 of 2026

1. Nandhinipriya
2. Pasupathi
3. Malliga
4. Amsa
5. Suriyaprakash
6. Sathishkumar
7. Naresh Kumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep By:
The Inspector of Police
C5, Vengal Police Station,
Crime No.312 of 2024.
2. Duraikannu

..Respondent(s)

CRL OP No. 14974 of 2026

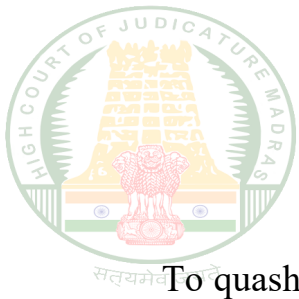
1. Vasanth
2. Duraikannu
3. Bhavani
4. Sethuraman

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police,
C-58, Vengal Police Station,
Crime No.313 of 2024.
2. Nandhinipriya

..Respondent(s)



CRL OP No. 14109 of 2026

To quash the FIR registered against the petitioners in Crime No.312 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, for alleged offences under sections 147, 148, 448, 294(4), 341, 323, 506(1) IPC in view of the compromise arrived at between the parties, and pass such further or other orders.

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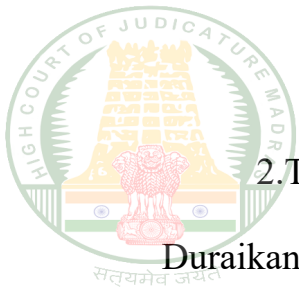
To Quash the FIR registered against petitioners 1 to 4 in Crime No.313 of 2024 on the file of the Respondent Police for alleged offences punishable U/s.294(b),323 and 506(ii) of the Indian Penal Code 1860 and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 in view of the compromise arrived at between the parties and pass such further or other orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Suriyaprakash

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, G.A.(Crl. Side), for R1

Common Order

These Criminal Original Petitions have been filed by the petitioners, who have been arrayed as accused in Crime Nos.312 of 2024 and 313 of 2024 on the file of the respondent Police, to quash the criminal proceedings.



2.The case of the prosecution is that on 07.09.2014 Sethuraman s/o Duraikannu married Nandhinipriya and they initially led a happy matrimonial life. Subsequently, matrimonial dispute arose between them. It is alleged that the said Sethuraman and his father assaulted Nandhinipriya and drove her out of the matrimonial home. Thereafter, she lodged a complaint before the All Women Police Station seeking appropriate action and reunion with her husband. In the meantime, Sethuraman instituted a divorce petition in HMOP.No.298 of 2023 before the Family Court. Subsequently, on 24.05.024 both the families allegedly abused each other in filthy language and assaulted one another. Following the said occurrence, both parties lodged complaints against each other. Pursuant to which, separate FIRs came to be registered against each other. Thus, the matter arises out of a case and counter-case between the parties.

3.The learned counsel for either of the parties submitted that a matrimonial dispute arose between the families of Sethuraman and Nandhinipriya. Subsequently, the said matrimonial dispute has has been amicably resolved. Pursuant to the settlement, a mutual consent divorce petition was filed before the Family Court, Tiruvallur and the marriage was dissolved by decree dated 06.02.2026. In view of the settlement, they have filed Joint Compromise Memo, which were scanned and reproduced hereunder:



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**MEMORANDUM OF CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION
FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF CR.P.C
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

CRL.O.P. NO. 14109 OF 2026

In

Crime.No. 312 of 2024

(On the file of the Respondent Police)

- 1. Nandhinipriya** aged about 32 years
D/o. Pasupathi Appadurai.
- 2. Pasupathi** aged about 63 years
S/o. Appadurai.
- 3. Malliga** aged about 47 years
W/o. Pasupathi.

The above persons (1 to 3) are residing at:

No. 764, Redhills Road,
Thamaraipakkam Post, Amanambakkam Junction Road,
Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu – 601103.

- 4. Amsa** aged about 56 years
W/o. Sampath.

Residing at: No. 273/1, Sarveswar Nagar, Ammanambakkam,
Damaraipakkam, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu – 601 103.

- 5. Suriyaprakash** aged about 34 years
S/o. Pasupathi.

- 6. Sathishkumar** aged about 30 years
S/o. Pasupathi.

The above persons (5 & 6) are residing at:

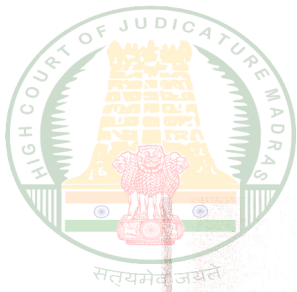
No. 764, Redhills Road,
Thamaraipakkam Post, Amanambakkam Junction Road,
Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu – 601103.

- 7. Naresh Kumar** aged about 35 years
S/o. Sivagopi.

Residing at: Bajanai Koil Street, Chithambakkam Colony,
Monnavedu Post, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu – 602 021.

.... Petitioner's/Accused

-Vs-



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1. **The State Rep by:**
The Inspector of Police,
C-5 Vengal Police Station,
Crime No. 312 of 2024. 1st Respondent/Complainant
2. **Duraikannu** aged about 62 years . .
S/o. Kuppan,
Residing at: No. 361, Perumal Koil Street,
Tamil Colony, Ammanambakkam,
Thamaraipakkam, Tiruvallur – 601 103. 2nd Respondent/De-facto Complainant

MEMO OF COMPROMISE

The petitioners and the 2nd respondent respectfully submit as follows:

1. It is respectfully submitted that the 2nd respondent lodged a complaint against the petitioners, which was registered as FIR in Crime No. 312 of 2024 on 07.06.2024 by the respondent police for alleged offences under Sections 147, 148, 448, 294(b), 341, 323, and 506(i) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
2. It is respectfully submitted that the dispute arose out of family differences between the 1st petitioner and the son of the 2nd respondent, namely Sethuraman. The said matrimonial dispute has since been amicably resolved. Pursuant to the settlement, a mutual consent divorce petition in H.M.O.P. No. 236 of 2025 was filed before the Hon'ble Family Court, Tiruvallur, and the marriage was dissolved by decree dated 06.02.2026.
3. It is respectfully submitted that under the terms of settlement, the 1st petitioner received a sum of Rs. 7,00,000/- towards permanent alimony in full and final settlement, and all articles and ornaments belonging to



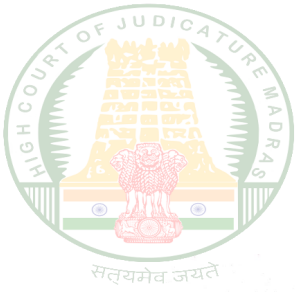
either party were mutually exchanged. The son of the 2nd respondent has undertaken to bear the educational expenses of the children annually, without default, and has been granted visitation rights every weekend.

- It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record this joint memo of compromise and quash the FIR registered against the petitioners in Crime No. 312 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, and thus render justice.

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✓ K. Jyoti Devi
Durai Kannan
2ND RESPONDENT/
DE-FACTO COMPLAINANT

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CRL.O.P. NO. 14974 OF 2026

In

Crime.No. 313 of 2024

(On the file of the Respondent Police)

- 1. Vasanth** aged about 27 years
S/o. Ommurugan,
Residing at: No. 33, Ammanapakkam Tamil Colony, Ammanambakkam,
Thamaraipakkam, Tiruvallur – 601 103
- 2. Duraikannu** aged about 62 years
S/o. Kuppan,
Residing at: No. 361, Perumal Koil Street, Tamil Colony,
Ammanambakkam, Thamaraipakkam, Tiruvallur – 601 103
- 3. Bhavani** aged about 43 years
S/o. Ponnalam,
Residing at: No. 142, Perumal Koil Street, Thamaraipakkam,
Tiruvallur – 601 103
- 4. Sethuraman** aged about 35 years
S/o. Duraikannu,
Residing at: No. 678, Perumal Koil Street, Thamaraipakkam,
Tiruvallur – 601103.

..... Petitioner's/Accused

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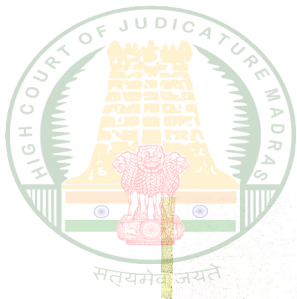
The Inspector of Police,
C-5 Vengal Police Station,
Crime No. 313 of 2024.

..... 1st Respondent/Complainant

2. Nandhinipriya aged about 32 years

D/o. Pasupathi Appadurai.
No. 764, Redhills Road,
Thamaraipakkam Post, Amanambakkam Junction Road,
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2. It is respectfully submitted that the dispute arose out of family differences between the 4th petitioner and the 2nd respondent. The said matrimonial dispute has since been amicably resolved. Pursuant to the settlement, a mutual consent divorce petition in H.M.O.P. No. 236 of 2025 was filed before the Hon'ble Family Court, Tiruvallur, and the marriage was dissolved by decree dated 06.02.2026.
3. It is respectfully submitted that under the terms of settlement, the 2nd respondent received a sum of Rs. 7,00,000/- towards permanent alimony in full and final settlement, and all articles and ornaments belonging to either party were mutually exchanged. The 4th petitioner has undertaken to bear the educational expenses of the children annually, without default, and has been granted visitation rights every weekend.
4. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the aforesaid settlement, both parties have amicably resolved their differences. The 2nd respondent has no subsisting grievance against the petitioners and does not wish to pursue the complaint in Crime No. 313 of 2024. The 2nd respondent hereby accords her free and voluntary consent for quashing of the FIR



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and all proceedings arising therefrom, without coercion, undue influence, or third-party interference.

It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record this joint memo of compromise and quash the FIR registered against the petitioners in Crime No. 313 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, and thus render justice.

Dated at Chennai on this the 25th day of April, 2026.

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PETITIONER'S

Nandhini
 Nandhipriya

**2ND RESPONDENT/
DE-FACTO COMPLAINANT**

E. Komel

**Counsel for Petitioner's/Accused
/ 2nd Respondent/
De-facto Complainant**

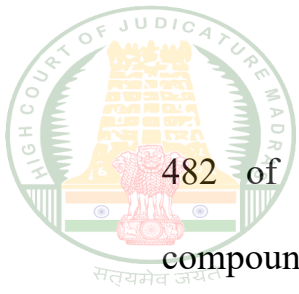


4. The learned Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the first respondent Police submitted that based on the complaint of both parties, FIRs came to be registered. He further submitted that though the parties have entered into a compromise, this Court, taking into account the seriousness of the offence, has to consider as to whether offences of this nature can be quashed on the ground of compromise between parties.

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

6. The criminal cases are still under investigation. In the meanwhile, the parties have amicably settled their matrimonial dispute. The Sethuraman and Nandhinipriya appeared before this Court and were duly identified by their respective counsel. On interaction by this Court, both the parties stated that the dispute has been settled amicably and that they are not willing to pursue the criminal proceedings and therefore, seek to quash the same.

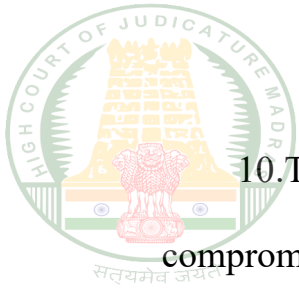
7. The main issue that requires the consideration of this Court is as to whether this Court can quash the criminal proceedings involving non-compoundable offences pending against the parties. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in the case of *Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbhai Vs. State of Gujarat*, reported in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

8.In the present case, the allegations arise out of a matrimonial dispute between the parties. The parties have voluntarily settled all their disputes, obtained a decree of divorce by mutual consent, and have resolved all ancillary issues. Both the parties also expressed before this Court that they have no objection to the quashing of the criminal proceedings. Therefore, this Court is satisfied that the dispute is purely personal in nature and that continuation of the prosecution would serve no useful purpose. Quashing the proceedings would not affect any overriding public interest.

9.Accordingly, these Criminal Original Petitions stand allowed and the proceedings in Crime Nos. 312 and 313 of 2024 pending on the file of the first respondent, are quashed.



10. The affidavits and the Joint compromise Memos filed by the parties for compromising the offences shall form part of the record.

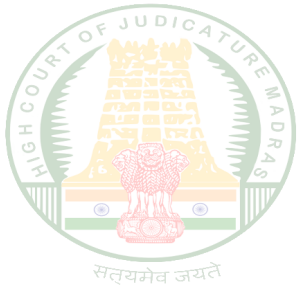
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2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras



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