



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL.O.P. No. 15537 of 2026

Purushothaman. H.

..Petitioner

Vs.

State by:

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kattumannarkoil Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Cr.No. 129/2025)

2. Sweetha

..Respondents

Prayer:Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS to call for the records in Crime No. 129 of 2025 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Kattumannarkoil Police Station, Cuddalore District and quash the same.

For Petitioner :: Mr. Harish Parvatham

For Respondents :: Mr.R. Rajasekaran
Counsel for Govt. of Tamil Nadu
(Crl.Side) for R1

Mr.A. Arun for
Ms.R. Gobika for R2



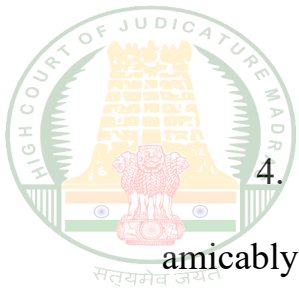
ORDER

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The petitioner/accused in Crime No. 129 of 2025 on the file of the 1st respondent Police, registered for the offences under Section 67 A of Information Technology Act, 2000, Sections 76, 78, 351(3), 308(2) of BNS and Section 3 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2025 has filed the present quash petition.

2. The case of the prosecution is that in connection with a matrimonial proposal, the parents of the petitioner approached the family of the 2nd respondent and after mutual deliberation, the petitioner and the 2nd respondent got engaged on 23.02.2025 at Noor Mahal, Lalpet, Cuddalore. Subsequently, there was a change in the conduct of the petitioner and certain disputes and misunderstandings arose between the petitioner and the de facto complainant, causing mental harassment to the 2nd respondent, which led to the breakdown of the engagement and lodging of complaint as against the petitioner for the offences aforesaid.

3. Heard the learned counsel for all the parties and perused the materials on record.



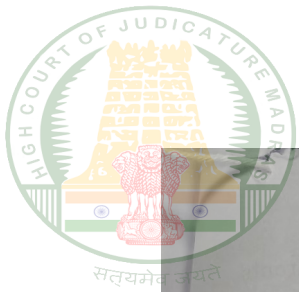
4. The case is at the stage of investigation. Since the parties have now amicably settled the issue among themselves, they seek to quash the proceedings pending against the petitioners. Affidavits and a Joint Compromise Memo have been filed.

5. The petitioner and the *de facto* complainant/R2 appeared before this Court and were identified by their respective counsel as well as by Mr.S. Asokan, Special Sub Inspector of Police, Kattumannarkoil Police Station, Cuddalore District.

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

7. It is also brought to the notice of this Court by the learned counsel for the petitioner that a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- by way of Demand Draft dated 27.04.2026 drawn on HDFC Bank, bearing No. 011019 has been handed over by the petitioner to the 2nd respondent/de facto complainant towards betrothal expenses and the same has also been received by the 2nd respondent.

8. The Joint Memo of compromise filed by the parties is scanned and reproduced below:



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PURUSHOTHAMAN. H
S/o Harikrishnan,
No.17/6, Pillayar Koil Street,
Sankaranpalayam, Vellore - 632 001.

...Petitioner/Accused

State By:-

-VS-

1. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
Kattumannarkoil Police Station,
Cuddalore District. (Cr.No.129/2025)

...Respondent/Complainant

2. SUREETHA

D/o. Renganathan, No.4, Ibrahim Complex,
Kamatchamman Kovil Street, Lalpettai,
Kattumannarkoil, Cuddalore.

..Respondent/De-Facto Complainant

~~MEMO OF~~ JOINT COMPROMISE ~~MEMO~~

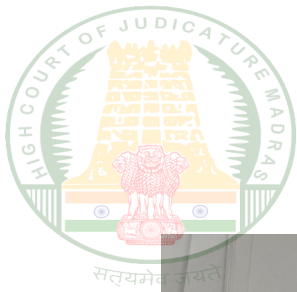
It is humbly submitted on behalf of the Petitioner and the 2nd Respondent as follows:

1. The complaint preferred by the 2nd Respondent before the Inspector of Police, Bagayam Circle, Bagayam, Vellore District, against the Petitioner was registered as Zero FIR No.77/2025. The said Zero FIR was subsequently transferred to the 1st Respondent Police Station, whereupon the present FIR was registered as Crime No.129/2025.

2. It is submitted that in January 2025, the parents of the Petitioner approached the family of the 2nd Respondent with a matrimonial proposal. After mutual deliberation, a betrothal function was conducted on 23.02.2025 at Noor Mahal, Lalpet, Cuddalore. However, subsequent to the said betrothal, certain misunderstandings and conflicts arose between the parties during the course of the matrimonial proceedings. On account of the said disputes that arose during the wedding process, the above complaint came to be filed.

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3. Subsequent to the registration of the FIR, the Petitioner and his parents sincerely approached the 2nd Respondent and her family and provided solemn assurances and undertakings that: (a) all photographs and videos of the 2nd Respondent are produced before the Bagayam Police Station, Vellore (b) the said photographs and videos have not been circulated or shared at any point in time; and (c) the Petitioner shall not interfere with or commit any wrongful act against the 2nd Respondent in the future. Considering the above assurances, the 2nd Respondent has voluntarily and of her own free will, without any coercion, threat, or undue influence, decided to amicably settle the dispute and give quietus to the matter.

4. In view of the terms of compromise arrived at between the parties, the 2nd Respondent has agreed to drop the complaint against the Petitioner. Accordingly, the Petitioner has filed the present petition to quash the FIR registered in Crime No.129/2025 on the file of the 1st Respondent Police Station.

5. In view of the Undertaking Affidavit of the Petitioner and the Supportive Affidavit of the 2nd Respondent, both the Petitioner and the 2nd Respondent have jointly filed the present Memo of Compromise.

It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record the above ~~Undertaking Affidavit of the Petitioner~~ ^{Joint Compromise Memo} and give quietus to the matter by permitting the parties to quash the offence as per law by way of compromise and oblige.

DATED AT CHENNAI ON THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

R. Sweettha.

2ND RESPONDENT

R. Sai

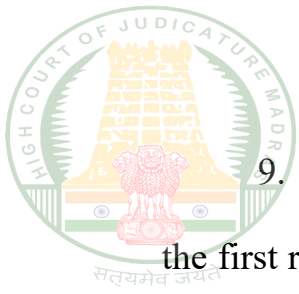
COUNSEL FOR 2ND RESPONDENT

PETITIONER

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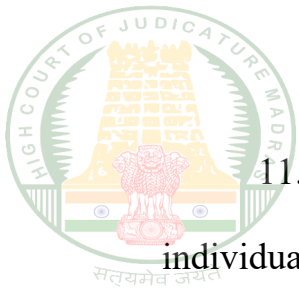
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9. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing on behalf of the first respondent submitted that though the parties entered into a compromise while this case is pending, this Court, taking into account the seriousness of the offence, has to consider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

10. 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 petitioner. 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.



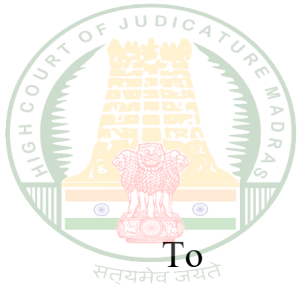
11. In the present case, the offences in question are purely individual/personal in nature. It involves dispute between the petitioner and the 2nd respondent and quashing the proceedings will not affect any overriding public interest in this case. Under such circumstances, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the First Information Report pending even though the offences involved are not compoundable in nature. In the light of the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court reported in **2017 9 SCC 641-(Parbathbhai Aahir @ Parbathbhai Vs. State of Gujarat)**, this Court in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C., quashes the First Information Report in Crime No.129 of 2025 on the file of the 1st respondent Police.

12. This Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and as a sequel, the investigation in Crime No.129 of 2025 on the file of the 1st respondent police, is quashed.

13. The affidavits and the Joint Memo of Compromise filed by the petitioners and the 2nd respondent for compromising the offences shall form part of the records.

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Cuddalore District.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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M. NIRMAL KUMAR,J.

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