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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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1. R. Ramamoorthy
2. R. Selvakumar
3. S. Dhanalakshmi

..Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpalayam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

2. Mrs. Badhmavathy @ Padmavathy

..Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS to
quash the proceedings in C.C. No. 6 of 2026 pending on the file of District

Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur.

For Petitioners :: Mr.A. Arunkumar

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



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ORDER

The present criminal original petition is filed to quash the proceedings in C.C. No. 6 of 2026 pending on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur.

2. The 1st petitioner is the husband of the 2nd respondent; the 2nd petitioner is the brother-in-law of the 2nd respondent and the 3rd petitioner is the sister-in-law of the 2nd respondent. The 1st petitioner and the 2nd respondent have two children and due to matrimonial discord, the complaint came to be lodged.

3. Based on the complaint given by the *de facto* complainant/R2, a case in Crime No.315 of 2024 was registered on the file of the first respondent Police against the petitioners, for the offences under Sections 294(b), 341 and 506(2) IPC and Section 4 of the TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002. After completion of investigation, charge sheet was filed listing 8 witnesses and taken cognizance in C.C. No. 6 of 2026 by the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as for the *de facto* complainant submitted that the matter arises out of a

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matrimonial dispute and that with the intervention of family members and well-wishers the parties have now amicably settled the issue among themselves. Hence, they seek to quash the proceedings pending against the petitioners. Affidavits and a Joint Compromise Memo to that effect have also been filed.

5. The petitioners and the *de facto* complainant/R2 appeared before this Court and were identified by Mr.Y. Rajan, SSI, Kovilpalayam Police Station, Kovai.

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

7. The Joint Compromise Memo filed by the parties dated 25.05.2026 is scanned and reproduced below:



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In

CC.No. 6 /2026

(on the file of District cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Annur)

1. R. Ramamoorthy M/45/2026,
S/o Ramasamy,
Door No. 2A/3, Mahalakshmi Garden,
VJ Nagar, Kottaipalayam,
Kondayampalayam, Coimbatore,
Tamil Nadu – 641110
 2. R. Selvakumar M/44/2026,
S/o Ramasamy, Door No. 2A/3, Mahalakshmi Garden,
VJ Nagar, Kottaipalayam,
Kondayampalayam, Coimbatore,
Tamil Nadu – 641110
 3. S. Dhanalakshmi F/34/2026,
2/3-1, Mahalakshmi Garden,
VJ Nagar, Kottaipalayam,
Kondayampalayam, Coimbatore,
Tamil Nadu – 641110
- vs.
1. The State
Rep by The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpalayam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
 2. Mrs. Badhmavathy @ Padmavathy, F/40/2026,
W/o R. Ramamoorthy,
No. 2A/3, Mahalakshmi Garden,
VJ Nagar, Kottaipalayam,
Kondayampalayam, Coimbatore.
- ...Petitioners/Accused
- ...1st Respondent/Complainant
- ...2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

**JOINT COMPROMISE MEMO FILED BY THE PETITIONERS
AND THE 2ND RESPONDENT**

The Petitioners and the 2nd Respondent respectfully submit as follows:



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1. The 1st Petitioner is the husband of the 2nd Respondent. The 2nd and 3rd Petitioners are the brother of the 1st Petitioner and his wife, respectively. Due to matrimonial misunderstandings and personal differences, a criminal case was registered against the Petitioners, now pending in C.C. No. 6 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Annur.

2. Subsequently, With the intervention of elders, family members and well-wishers, the Petitioners and the 2nd Respondent have amicably resolved all disputes and differences. The settlement has been entered into voluntarily, mutually, and without any coercion, undue influence or pressure from any quarter.

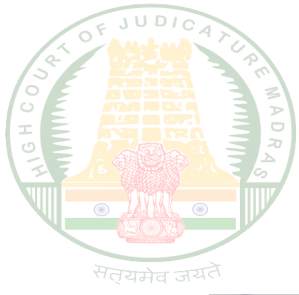
3. The settlement has been made considering the future welfare, mental peace, and career prospects of both parties and their respective families.

4. The parties have minor children, namely: Chitharita, Ramkishore and have resolved to ensure their education, welfare, and uninterrupted growth by putting an end to all litigations.

5. The Continuation of criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose and would only prolong bitterness between the families and adversely affect the peaceful future of both parties and their children.

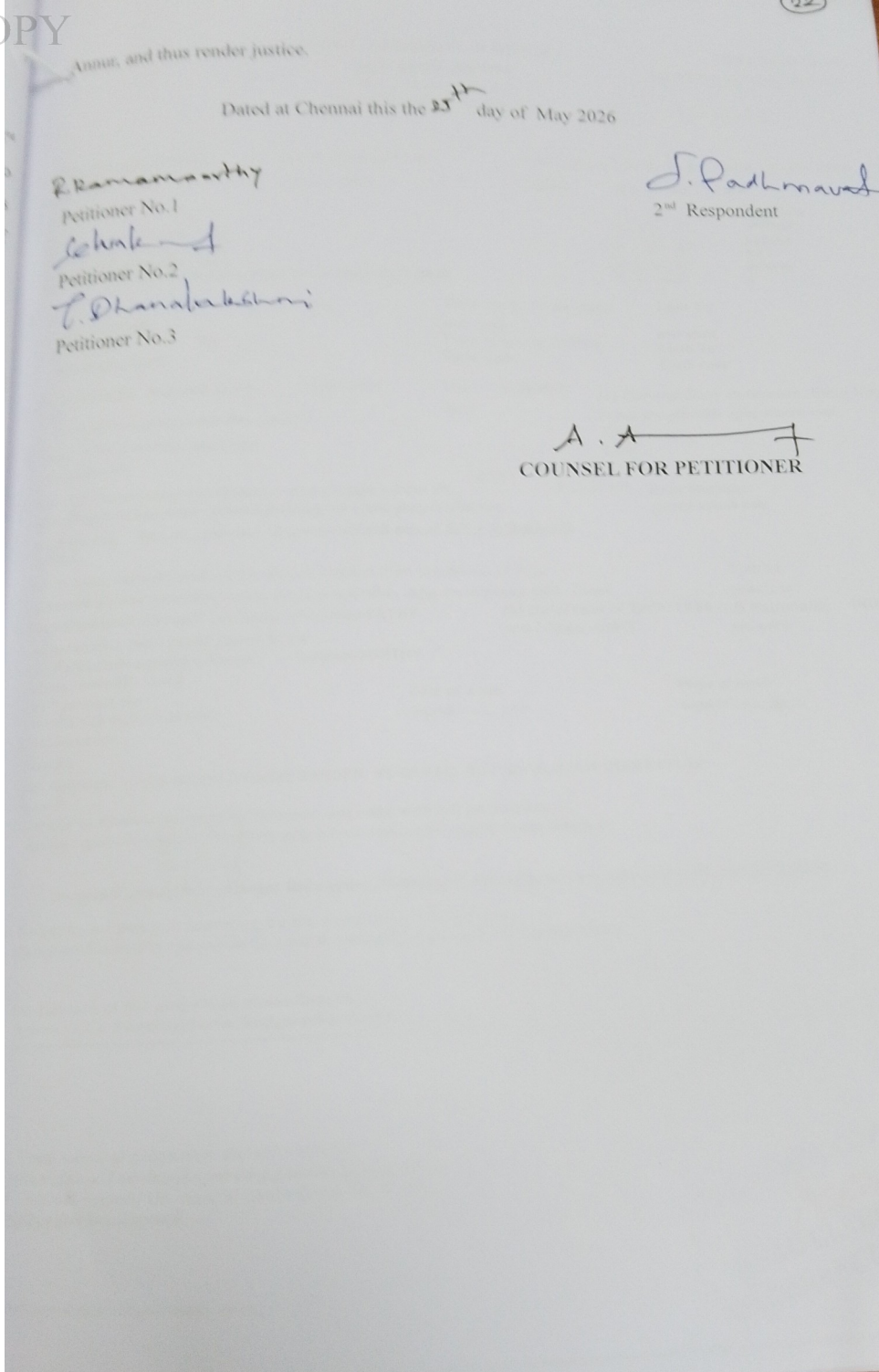
6. The 2nd Respondent / Defacto Complainant states that she has no further grievance against the Petitioners and has No Objection for quashing the proceedings in C.C. No. 6 of 2026. This is a full and final settlement, and both parties agree to maintain peace, harmony, and cordial relations in future.

The Petitioners and the 2nd Respondent jointly pray that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record this Joint Compromise Memo and quash the proceedings in C.C. No. 6 of 2026, pending on the file of the District cum Judicial Magistrate Court.



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8. Learned Government Counsel (Criminal 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.

9. 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



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against the society with overriding public interest even if they get settled between the parties, cannot be quashed by this Court.

10. In the present case, 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 pending against the petitioners in C.C.No.6 of 2026 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur, in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C./Section 528 BNSS.

11. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the proceedings in C.C.No.6 of 2026 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur, is quashed as against the petitioners.



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12. 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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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Annur.
2. The Inspector of Police, Kovilpalayam Police Station, Coimbatore District.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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