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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. 15781 of 2026

AND

CRL OP NO. 4114 OF 2024 and CRL.MP NO. 3040 OF 2024

CRL OP No. 15781 of 2026

1. N.Muthu

2. M. Chennammal

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Inspector of Police
Pallavaram Police Station,
Pallavaram,
Chennai.
Crime No.541 of 2023
2. Lourdu Paul Maurya

..Respondent(s)

CRL OP No. 4114 of 2024

Lourdu Paul Maurya

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu Represented By Its
Inspector Of Police, Pallavaram Police Station,
Pallavaram, Chennai.
Crime No.540 Of 2023
2. M.Chennamal

..Respondent(s)



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To call for the records in FIR in Cr.No.541 of 2023, on the file of Inspector of Police, Pallavaram Police station, Tambaram compromise and quash the same.

CRL OP No. 4114 of 2024

To call for the records of the proceedings in Cr.No.540 of 2023 on the file of the 1st respondent and to quash the same as illegal and without jurisdiction and thereby render justice

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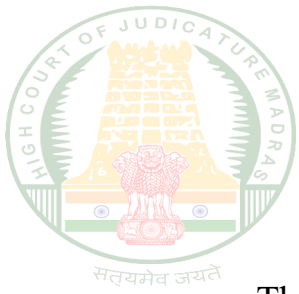
For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.E.Ravichandran

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, G.A.(Crl. Side), for R1
Mr.M.Suresh Kumar
for M/s.K.Kamesh

CRL OP No. 4114 of 2024

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Suresh Kumar
for M/s.K.Kamesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, G.A.(Crl. Side), for R1
Mr.A.E.Ravichandran, for R2

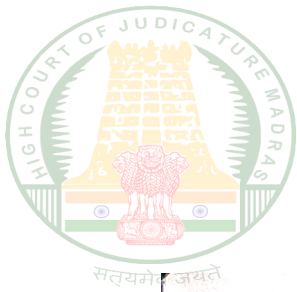


Common Order

These Criminal Original Petitions have been filed by the petitioners, who have been arrayed as accused in Crime Nos.540 of 2023 and 541 of 2023 on the file of the respondent Police, to quash the criminal proceedings.

2.The case of the prosecution is that Lourdu Paul Maurya, Muthu and his wife, Chennammal, are neighbours. On 09.08.2023, at about 10.00 a.m. a dispute arose between the parties over the parking of a Car, which culminated in an altercation. During which, they allegedly abused each other in filthy language, exchanged blows and caused damage to vehicles. 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 the occurrence arose out of a misunderstanding between the parties, which was purely personal in nature. Subsequently, with the intervention of elders and well-wishers, the parties resolved their differences amicably. In view of the settlement, they have filed a Joint Compromise Memo, which was scanned and reproduced hereunder:



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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(Criminal Jurisdiction)**

Crl. O.P. No. 15781 of 2026

In

Crime No. 541 of 2023

**(On the file of Inspector of Police, Pallavaram Police Station,
Tambaram)**

1. N.Muthu, (Male/48 years)
S/o.K. Narasimman
2. M. Chennammal, (Female/42 years)
W/o N. Muthu,
Both 1 and 2 residing at
No. 1-B, Nagalakshmi Salai,
Thiruchendur Nagar,
Old Pallavaram,
Chennai 600 117.

...Petitioners/Accused

Vs

1. The Inspector of Police,
Pallavaram Police Station
Pallavaram,
Chennai.
(Crime No. 541 of 2023)

...1st Respondent/Complainant

2. Lourdu Paul Maurya
S/o LTA Peter,
No. 6, Nagalakshmi Salai,
Thiruchendur Nagar,
Old Pallavaram,
Chennai 600 117.

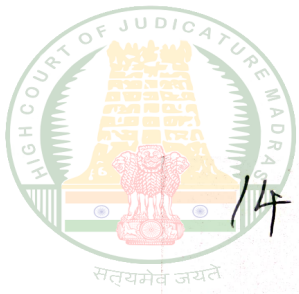
...Respondent No. 2/Defacto Complainant

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

We, (1) N. Muthu, son of K. Narasimman, aged about 48 years,
and (2) Mrs. M. Chennammal, wife of N. Muthu, aged about 42 years,
both residing at No. 1-B, Nagalakshmi Salai, Thiruchendur Nagar, Old
Pallavaram, Chennai 600 117, the Petitioners herein on One side;

(1) N. Muthu

(2) M. Chennammal



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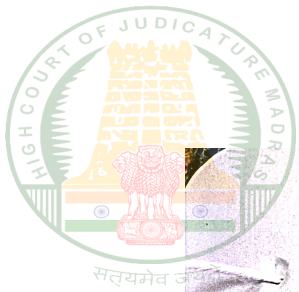
And

I, Mr. Lourdu Paul Maurya, son of LTA Peter, aged about 40 years, residing at No. 6, Nagalakshmi Salai, Thiruchendur Nagar, Old Pallavaram, Chennai 600 117, the 2nd Respondent herein, on the Other side;

Do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. We submit that we are the parties in the above Crl. OP and as such we are well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case.
2. We submit that the 2nd Respondent herein lodged a complaint against the Petitioners herein, for an offence under section 341, 294 (b), 324 and 427 of IPC under Crime No. 541 of 2023 before the 1st Respondent police.
3. We further submit that the 2nd Petitioner herein lodged a complaint against the 2nd Respondent herein for an offence under section 294(b), 324, 506 (2) and Section 3(1) of TN Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, 1992, under Crime No. 540 of 2023, before the 1st Respondent Police. These are case and counter case, arising out of the same incident occurred on 09.08.2023.
4. We submit that the 2nd Respondent herein has earlier filed Crl. OP.No. 4114 of 2024, for quashing of the FIR in Crime No. 540 of 2023 before this Hon'ble Court and the same is pending.
5. We submit that we are neighbours and presently our good relationship has resumed and we are living peacefully and do not

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(2) M. R. R.

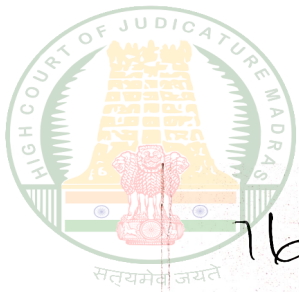


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want to press our each other's complaint, considering our present and future relationship. Hence, we thought it fit to compromise between ourselves and whatever the misunderstanding between us has been settled amicably and accordingly we file this memorandum of compromise, on our own, without any undue influence or coercion:

- (i) The 2nd Respondent herein hereby agrees to withdraw the FIR in Crime No. 541 of 2023, filed by him against the Petitioners for an offence punishable under section 341, 294 (b), 324 and 427 of IPC, pending before the 1st Respondent Police.
- (ii) The 2nd Petitioner herein agrees to withdraw the FIR in Crime No. 540 of 2023, filed by her against the 2nd Respondent for an offence punishable under section 294 (b), 324, 506 (2) and Section 3(1) of TN Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, 1992, pending before the 1st Respondent Police.
- (iii) The 2nd Respondent also agrees not to press the Contempt Petition filed by him before this Hon'ble Court in Contempt Petition No. 1136 of 2021, against the 1st Petitioner.
- (iv) We submit that all our misunderstandings were settled amicably and we do not have any hostility against each other and we will not re-open the past and we would like to live peacefully, as neighbours.

(1) *[Signature]*
(2) *[Signature]*



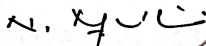
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(v) Consequent upon this memorandum of Joint Compromise, we agree that the complaint in Crime No. 540 of 2023 filed by the 2nd Petitioner against the 2nd Respondent and the counter-complaint in Crime No. 541 of 2023 filed by the 2nd Respondent against the Petitioners herein shall be quashed, as settled.

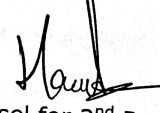
It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take on file this Joint Compromise Memo and quash the FIRs pending in Crime No. 540 of 2023 and 541 of 2023, pending on the file of the Respondent Police and thus render Justice.

Dated at Chennai on this the 15th day of June 2026.


1st Petitioner.


2nd Petitioner.


Counsel for Petitioners.


2nd Respondent.

Counsel for 2nd Respondent.



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 case is still at the stage of investigation. By passage of time, the parties have decided to bury their hatchet and compromise the dispute amicably among themselves.

7. Both the parties appeared before this Court and were duly identified by their respective counsel.

8. On interaction by this Court, both the parties stated that they have amicably settled the dispute between them and they are not willing to pursue the criminal proceedings and therefore, seek to quash the same.



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 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.

10.In the present case, the offences in question are purely individual/personal in nature. It involves dispute between the parties 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 in Crime Nos.540 and 541 of 2023 before the first respondent Police.



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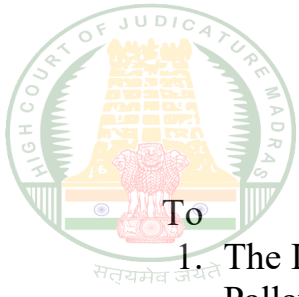
11. Accordingly, these Criminal Original Petitions stand allowed and the proceedings in Crime Nos.540 and 541 of 2023 pending on the file of the first respondent, are quashed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

12. It is to be noted that the parties involved are practising advocates. Owing to the heat of the moment, there was an exchange of heated words and some push and pull happened. However, the parties have since realised their mistakes and, bearing in mind their professional standing and future career prospects, have amicably resolved all their disputes. In view of the above compromise and quashing of criminal proceedings, it is clarified that the above case cannot be quoted against either of the parties in relation to their future career, employment, professional prospects or for any other purpose.

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

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Crime Nos.540 & 541 of 2023
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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