



Crl.O.P.No.3366 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.02.2026

CORAM:

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

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1. Muthukumar
2. Vetrivel Pandiyan
3. Gunal
4. Kishore Kumar

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1.The State represented by
The Inspector Police,
Podhanur Police Station,
Coimbatore.

2.R.Mohun Raj

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to call for the records in C.C.No.882 of 2025 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court at Madukkarai and to quash the same.

For Petitioner	: Mr.K.Rajendra Prasad
For R1	: Mr.S.Santhosh Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
For R2	: Ms.S.Maheswari



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to call for the records in C.C.No.882 of 2025 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court at Madukkarai and to quash the same.

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.99 of 2023 was registered on the file of the 1st respondent/ Police against the petitioners and on completion of investigation, a final report was filed before District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court at Madukkarai for the offences under Sections 341, 294(b), 323, 387, 363 and 506(2) of Indian Penal Code, and the same was taken on file in C.C.No.882 of 2025.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as for the *de facto* complainant/R2 submitted that on the advice of elders, the parties have now amicably settled the issue among themselves. Hence, they seek to quash the aforesaid proceedings. Affidavits and Joint Memo of Compromise to that effect have also been filed.



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5. The petitioners and the *de facto* complainant/R2 appeared before this Court and were identified by their respective counsels and Mr.G.Krishna Kumar, HC 2056, D5 Sundarapuram Police Station, Coimbatore City.

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. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) 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



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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, 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 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.

10. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to quash the impugned proceedings in C.C.No.882 of 2025 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court at Madukkarai, in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.



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11. Accordingly, the impugned proceedings in C.C.No.882 of 2025 on the file of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court at Madukkarai, is quashed as against the petitioners and this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of on condition that the petitioners pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each as costs to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority (TNSLSA), High Court Campus, Chennai 600 104, within a period of one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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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Neutral Citation:Yes/No



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To

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2. The Inspector Police,
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Coimbatore.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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