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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 22048 of 2024

and

CRL MP(MD) No. 13677 of 2024

Ganesan
S/o.Perumal,
D.No.96. N.Kovilpatti,
Noothalapuram Village,
Nilakkottai Taluk,
Dindigul District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu
Rep by The Inspector of Police,
Nilakkottai Police Station,
Dindigul District.
(Crime No.305 of 2024)

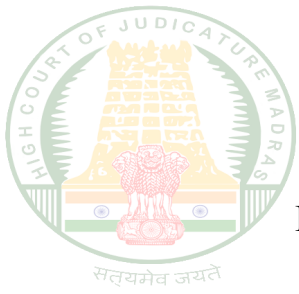
2. Padmavathi
Block Development Officer,
Nilakkottai Panchayat Union,
Nilakkottai,
Dindigul District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to call for the records relating to the FIR in Crime No.305 of 2024 on the file of Respondent Police and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.S.Sukumar,
Advocate



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For Respondent(s):

Mr.P.Samuel Gunasingh,
Counsel for State of TN (Criminal Side) for R1

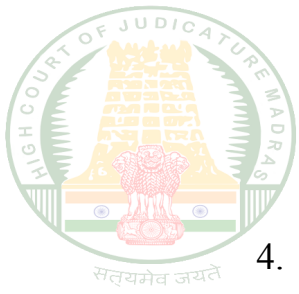
Mr.P.T.Ramesh Raja,
Advocate for R2

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the sole accused in Crime No.305 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent police, seeking to quash the FIR, wherein the petitioner is alleged to have committed offences under Sections 296(b) and 132 of BNS, 2023, read with Section 4 of TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002.

2. A perusal of the FIR reveals that the petitioner, who is a ward member, is alleged to have entered into the Panchayat Union office, abused the staff therein, and searched for one Edwin Albert with an intention to attack him.

3. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the complaint has been lodged due to political animosity and no such incident had ever happened. He further submitted that the petitioner had merely questioned the malpractice in issuance of tenders by the Panchayat Union and had already filed Public Interest Litigations before this Court in that regard. Due to the said animosity, the present FIR has been lodged.



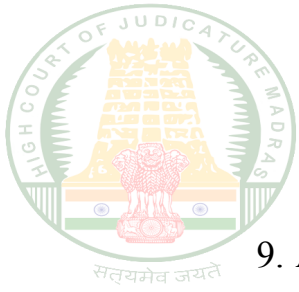
4. The learned counsel for the second respondent submitted that the petitioner had entered the office, used abusive language, and interfered with the administration. Therefore, the complaint came to be lodged.

5. I have considered the submissions made on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. As far as the allegations attracting Section 296(b) of BNS, 2023, are concerned, the specific abusive words have not been incorporated in the FIR. Further, there is no allegation whatsoever that any woman was harassed in the office premises. In view of the same, the allegations attracting Section 4 of TN Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, also does not arise.

7. The FIR also does not reveal that the petitioner had made any attempt to interfere with the administration of the Panchayat Union. In view of the same, the offence under Section 132 of BNS, 2023, is also not made out.

8. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, continuation of the First Information Report against the petitioner would amount to an abuse of the process of law. Therefore, the FIR in Crime No.305 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent police is quashed.



9. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed. Consequently,
the connected Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Nilakkottai Police Station,
Dindigul District.

2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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