

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. 575 OF 2024
(Arising out of SLP(CRL) No. 5675/2023)

VELU

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

P. ANANDARAJ & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Leave granted.

On a petition filed by the respondent No.1 under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., the High Court has issued following direction :

"6.....the second respondent is directed to protect the properties and family members of the petitioner until further orders."

We are surprised to note that such a blanket order has been passed by the High Court while exercising jurisdiction under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. The effect of the order is that the police will have to protect the respondent No.1, his family members and properties in perpetuity.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.1 submits that the present appellant is obstructing the respondent No.1 in

construction of compound wall. If that be so, a remedy is always available to respondent No.1 before the appropriate civil court. If there is a threat to the life of the respondent No.1, he is free to apply to the jurisdictional police station for seeking police protection. If such an application is made, the officer-in-charge of the concerned police station will take appropriate decision thereon immediately.

Subject to what is observed above, the impugned order dated 31.10.2022 is set aside and the petition filed by the respondent No.1 under section 482 of Cr.P.C. before the High Court stands dismissed.

The appeal is, accordingly, allowed.

Pending application(s) stand disposed of.

.....J.
[ABHAY S.OKA]

.....J.
[UJJAL BHUYAN]

New Delhi
February 02, 2024

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.5675/2023
(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-10-2022
in CRLP(MD) No. 7352/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature
at Madras at Madurai)

VELU**Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****P. ANANDARAJ & ORS.****Respondent(s)**

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.78892/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY
IN FILING and IA No.78894/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA
No.78893/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/
ANNEXURES)

Date : 02-02-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) **Mr. Senthil Jagadeesan, Sr. Adv.**
Ms. Kirti Leela Ratnam, Adv.
Ms. Sonakshi Malhan, AOR
Mr. Sajal Jain, Adv.

For Respondent(s) **Ms. Sushma Manchanda, AOR**

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of signed order.

Pending application(s) shall stand disposed of.

(RAJNI MUKHI)**COURT MASTER (SH)**

(Signed order is placed on the file)

(AVGV RAMU)**COURT MASTER (NSH)**