

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). 698 OF 2009

BIBHU BHUSHAN TRIVEDI ... APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

NAGENDRA RAI & ORS. ...RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

The correctness of the impugned judgment and order dated 15.12.2006 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 14327 of 2006 is challenged by the appellant herein, who is the complainant, in whose instance the investigation was done and an F.I.R. was filed against the respondents herein, urging various legal contentions. There is no need to advert to the same having regard to the fact that the High Court after noting the factual rival legal contentions for exercising its discretionary power quashed the order of taking cognizance dated 26.11.2005 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate against the respondents. The respondents herein were the petitioners before the High Court. The High Court held that the allegations made under the provisions of Sections 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code ("IPC" for short) do not constitute an offence as against the respondents herein as there no ingredients

of the above provisions of the IPC and therefore do not constitute an offence, particularly having regard to the fact that civil suits being Title Suit No. 190/02 and 20/02 are pending before the Court at Chapra. Further, the High Court has placed reliance, in support of its conclusion, the judgment in Ramashish Choudhary and Ors. vs. State of Bihar and Anr., 2000 (2) P.L.J.R. 243 in support of the proposition of law that there was a dispute regarding the execution of the sale deed and it was claimed that the purchaser was trying to use the land and the sale deed was a forged documents, in that case too the court has held that the questions raised in the complaint could not have been decided in a criminal case because it would be difficult for the criminal court to hold that the title to sell vested in one or the other parties and, therefore, the purchaser cannot be said that he had cheated any one including the complainant. The reasoning assigned by the learned High Court in quashing the summoning order cannot be said to be an error in law.

Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant invited our attention to the decision of this Court in the case of State of Karnataka vs. M. Devendrappa & Anr., (2002) 3 SCC 89, wherein this Court interpreting power under Section 482 CrPC has held that while quashing of criminal proceeding in exercise of inherent power of the court, the court has to exercise the

power sparingly, keeping in view the nature and circumstances in which such power may be exercised. In the case at hand, taking into consideration of the allegations made in the complaint the learned Magistrate has taken the cognizance of the same. There cannot be any doubt in regard to the proposition laid down by this Court, for the reasons recorded in the impugned order, the High Court has rightly exercised its discretionary power and quashed the summoning order holding that the civil dispute between the parties is pending and it is for the civil court to decide the same.

We do not find any good reason to interfere with the impugned order. The appeal, being devoid of merit, is dismissed accordingly but no costs.

.....J.
(V. GOPALA GOWDA)

.....J.
(R. BANUMATHI)

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SECTION IIA

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Date : 10/02/2015 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The appeal is dismissed in terms of the signed order.

(S. K. RAKHEJA)
COURT MASTER

(MALA KUMARI SHARMA)
COURT MASTER

(Signed order is placed on the file)