



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.02.2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

Crl.O.P. (MD) Nos. 2847, 2850, 2917, 2937, 2948, 2950,
2957, 2959, 2971 and 2975 of 2015 (10 cases)

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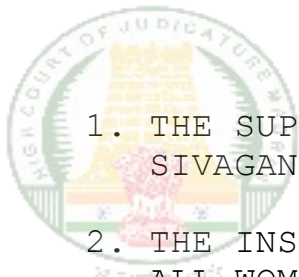
MURUGAVEL ... PETITIONER IN CRL OP (MD) . 2950/ 2015

1 NADANA MURUGARAJ
2 GOVINDAN,
3 PUSHAM,
4 NAGARATHINAM,
5 TAMILVANAN ... PETITIONERS IN CRL OP (MD) . 2957/ 2015

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1. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
RAMNAGAR, DEVAKOTTAI,
SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENTS IN CRL OP(MD). 2847/ 2015

1. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT, DINDIGUL.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NATHAM POLICE STATION,
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THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MEDICAL COLLEGE POLICE STATION, THANJAVUR,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENT IN CRL OP(MD). 2917/ 2015

1. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT, KANYAKUMARI.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ARALVAIMOZHI POLICE STATION,
KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENTS IN CRL OP(MD). 2937/15

THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MEDICAL COLLEGE POLICE STATION, THANJAVUR,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENT IN CRL OP(MD). 2948/ 2015

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CITY CRIME BRANCH (UNIT-II),
MADURAI. ... RESPONDENT IN CRL OP(MD). 2950/ 2015

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THANJAVUR DISTRICT, THANJAVUR.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION, PATTUKKOTTAI,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENTS IN CRL OP(MD). 2957/ 2015

1. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
THENI DISTRICT.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR. ... RESPONDENTS IN CRL OP(MD). 2959/ 2015

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THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, DISTRICT CRIME BRANCH,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
CR.NO.NIL / 2015 ... RESPONDENT IN CRL OP(MD). 2971/ 2015



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DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
2. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
VEDACHANDUR, DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VEDACHANDUR POLICE STATION,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
4. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VEDACHANDUR POLICE STATION,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT. ... RESPONDENTS IN CRL OP(MD). 2975/ 2015

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2847/ 2015 :

To issue direction, directing the respondents not to harass the petitioners by calling the petitioners under the guise of enquiry.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2850/ 2015 :

To direct the 2nd respondent not to harass the petitioner and his family members under the guise of enquiry.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2917/ 2015 :

To direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry on the basis of complaint given by one Selvaraj, except under due process of law.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2937/ 2015 :

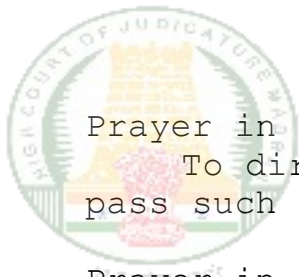
To direct the 2nd respondent police not to harass the petitioner herein with regard to the above complaint dated 10.02.2015, pending on the file of respondent police.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2948/ 2015 :

To direct the respondent not to harass the petitioners under guise of enquiry on the basis of complaint given by one Selvaraj expect under due process of law.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2950/ 2015 :

To direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner under the guise of conducting enquiry with regard to dispute pending adjudication before the Court of law from the year 2007 onwards and pass such further other orders.



Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2957/ 2015 :

To direct the 2nd respondent not to harass the petitioners and pass such further or other orders.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2959/ 2015 :

To direct the 2nd respondent and her personnels not to harass the petitioners and their family members in the guise of securing the sole absconding accused in Crime No.3/2015 on the file of the 2nd respondent.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2971/ 2015 :

To direct the respondent herein not to harass the petitioners in the name of enquiry in civil case without due process of law.

Prayer in CRL OP(MD). 2975/ 2015 :

To issue a direction to the 3rd and 4th respondents not to harass or ill treat to the petitioners and their family members.

For Petitioner/Petitioners

- : Mr.J.Anandkumar in Crl.O.P.No.2847/2015
- : Mr.D.Anbarasu in Crl.O.P.No.2850/2015
- : Mr.V.sasikumar in Crl.O.P.No.2917/2015
- : Mr.M.Sankar in Crl.O.P.No.2937/2015
- : Mr.V.Sasikumar in Crl.O.P.No.2948/2015
- : Mr.R.Aravind Raj in Crl.O.P.No.2950/2015
- : Mr.A.Arun Prasad in Crl.O.P.No.2957/2015
- : Mr.V.Janakiramulu in Crl.O.P.No.2959/2015
- : Mr.N.Ananthapadmanabhan in Crl.O.P.No.2971/2015
- : Mr.R.Udhayakumar in Crl.O.P.No.2975/2015

For Respondents in all Crl.O.Ps.

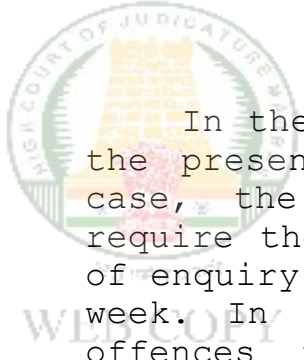
- : Mr.K.V.Rajarajan
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

C O M M O N O R D E R

All the petitioners seek directions to the respective respondents not to harass the petitioners and their family members under the guise of enquiry.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side).

3. The petitioners in all these petitions alleged harassment at the hands of the respective police/respondent. Given the guidelines of the Apex Court in *Lalita Kumari vs. Government of U.P. and others reported in 2013 (4) Crimes 243 (SC)* and in *Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar and Another reported in (2014) 3 MLJ (SC)*, these petitions may be disposed of on the following lines:



In the normal course, the respondent police shall not require the presence of the petitioners before them. In an exceptional case, the respondent police may upon receipt of complaints, require the persons/accused to appear before them for the purpose of enquiry. Such enquiry shall not extend beyond the period of one week. In the event of respondent police registering cases for offences punishable with imprisonment up to 7 years, both respondent police as well as the concerned jurisdictional Magistrate before whom accused persons are produced for the purpose of remand strictly shall follow the dictate of Supreme Court in *Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar and Another* reported in (2014) 3 MLJ (Crl) (SC), paragraph Nos.9, 14 and 15 whereof state as follows:

"9. From a plain reading of the aforesaid provision, it is evident that a person accused of offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may be less than seven years or which may extend to seven years with or without fine, cannot be arrested by the police officer only on its satisfaction that such person had committed the offence punishable as aforesaid. Police officer before arrest, in such cases has to be further satisfied that such arrest is necessary to prevent such person from committing any further offence; or for proper investigation of the case; or to prevent the accused from causing the evidence of the offence to disappear; or tampering with such evidence in any manner; or to prevent such person from making any inducement, threat or promise to a witness so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or the police officer; or unless such accused person is arrested, his presence in the court whenever required cannot be ensured. These are the conclusions, which one may reach based on facts. Law mandates the police officer to state the facts and record the reasons in writing which led him to come to a conclusion covered by any of the provisions aforesaid, while making such arrest. Law further requires the police officers to record the reasons in writing for not making the arrest. In pith and core, the police office before arrest must put a question to himself, why arrest? Is it really required? What purpose it will serve? What object it will achieve? It is only after these questions are addressed and one or the other conditions as enumerated above is satisfied, the power of arrest needs to be exercised. In fine, before arrest first the police officers should have reason to believe on the basis of information and material that the accused has committed the offence. Apart from this, the police officer has to be satisfied further that the arrest is necessary for one or the more purposes envisaged by sub-clauses (a)



14. Our endeavour in this judgment is to ensure that police officers do not arrest accused unnecessarily and Magistrate do not authorize detention casually and mechanically. In order to ensure what we have observed above, we give the following direction:

•(1)

All the State Governments to instruct its police officers not to automatically arrest when a case under Section 498-A of the IPC is registered but to satisfy themselves about the necessity for arrest under the parameters laid down above flowing from Section 41, Cr.PC;

•(2)

All police officers be provided with a check list containing specified sub-clauses under Section 41 (1) (b) (ii);

•(3)

The police officer shall forward the check list duly filed and furnish the reasons and materials which necessitated the arrest, while forwarding/producing the accused before the Magistrate for further detention;

•(4)

The Magistrate while authorising detention of the accused shall peruse the report furnished by the police officer in terms aforesaid and only after recording its satisfaction, the Magistrate will authorise detention;

•(5)

The decision not to arrest an accused, be forwarded to the Magistrate within two weeks from the date of the institution of the case with a copy to the Magistrate which may be extended by the Superintendent of police of the district for the reasons to be recorded in writing;

•(6)

Notice of appearance in terms of Section 41A of Cr.PC be served on the accused within two weeks from the date of institution of the case, which may be extended by the Superintendent of Police of the District for the reasons to be recorded in writing;



concerned liable for departmental action, they shall also be liable to be punished for contempt of court to be instituted before High Court having territorial jurisdiction.

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•(8)

Authorising detention without recording reasons as aforesaid by the judicial Magistrate concerned shall be liable for departmental action by the appropriate High Court.

15. We hasten to add that the directions aforesaid shall not only apply to the cases under Section 498-A of the I.P.C. or Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, the case in hand, but also such cases where offence is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may be less than seven years or which may extend to seven years; whether with or without fine.

4. These Criminal Original Petitions are ordered accordingly.

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Assistant Registrar (T&P)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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18. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

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+1cc to MR.D.ANBARASU, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8442
+2ccs to MR.V.SASIKUMAR, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8597 & 8599
+1cc to MR.R.ARAVINDRAJ, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8796
+1cc to MR.A.ARUN PRASAD, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8168
+1cc to MR.V.JANKIRAMULU, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8877
+1cc to MR.N.ANANTHAPADMANABAN, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8367
+1cc to MR.R.UDHAYAKUMAR, ADVOCATE IN SR : 8692

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