

**MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

DATED: 23.03.2015

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.T. SELVAM**Crl.O.P. No.3782 of 2015**

Sarmila Banu ... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City, Madurai.2.Mr.Chakraarathi,
The Inspector of Police(L & O),
K.Pudur Police Station(Crime),
Madurai City,
Madurai - 7. ... Respondents

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, praying to direct the first respondent to register the case as against the second respondent based on the petitioner's complaint dated 16.02.2015 made to the first respondent and pass such further or other orders as this Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Kannan

For Respondents : Mr.K.V.Rajarajan, G.A (Crl.side)

O R D E R

This petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., praying for a direction to the first respondent to register the case as against the second respondent based on the petitioner's complaint dated 16.02.2015 made to the first respondent.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondents.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) informs that based on the complaint of the petitioner, petition enquiry stands conducted and closed.

4.In this case interim order to the following effect has been passed on 6.3.2015:-

"By way of an interim order, this Court directs respondent police to peruse the complaint preferred by petitioner herein and register a case if the same informs commission of cognizable offence. In particular



instances, respondent police may resort to a petition enquiry which again shall not extend beyond a period of one week. This order is made towards effecting and ensuring compliance with the decision of the Apex Court in *Lalita Kumari vs. Govt. of U.P. & others* [2013 (4) Crimes 243 (SC)]. It is expected that respondent police will follow the dictate of the Apex Court in the aforesaid judgment in letter and spirit and not give room for any further action at the hands of this Court. In the event of respondent police not being in receipt of complaint allegedly preferred before them by petitioner, it would always be open for

respondent police to inform such position at the next hearing date."

5. The petition shall stand closed with the observation that if the petition enquiry conducted in the case is seen to be a ruse to avoid registration of case where complaint informs commission of cognizable offences the same certainly would amount to disobedience of direction of this Court by way of interim order referred to above. It must be noted that the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in *Lalita Kumari Vs. Govt. of U.P. & others* [2013 (4) Crimes 243 (SC)] permits conduct of petition enquiry only to the limited extent of ascertaining whether the complaint informs cognizable offence as distinct from extending the same towards informing the complaint to be false, a mistake of fact and the like. It is also to be noted that in such decision the Hon'ble Supreme Court reiterated the need to take action against erring police officials. The petitioner is at liberty to move action in contempt if appropriate.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Commissioner of Police, Madurai City, Madurai.

2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,

Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1cc to Mr. K. Kannan, Advocate Sr.No.14282

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