

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.09.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

Crl.O.P.No.20114 of 2017

Saraswathy

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Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Anti Land Grabbing Cell,
Kancheepuram.
2. Inspector of Police,
Chenglepet Circle,
Chenglepet.
3. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Paloor Police Station,
Paloor, Chenglepet Taluk.

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Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying to direct the 2nd and 3rd respondents to register the case on the petitioners complaint dated 25.03.2015 and to investigate the matter and submit the report before this Hon'ble Court within the stipulated time.

For Petitioner :

Mr.P.Balakrishnan

For Respondents :

Mr.P.Govindarajan
Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the second and third respondents to register a case based on the complaint lodged by the petitioner dated 25.03.2015 and investigate the same according to law.

2. By consent of both sides, this Criminal Original Petition is taken up for final disposal.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that in spite of a complaint given by her on 25.03.2015 to the second and third respondents, the same has been kept in abeyance without any action. It is well settled in the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Lalita Kumari Vs. Government of Uttar Pradesh and others [2013 (6) CTC 353]***, that registration of an FIR is mandatory under Section 154 of the Code of Criminal Procedure if an information furnished to the police officer discloses commission of a cognizable offence and in cases where the information does not disclose a cognizable offence, a preliminary enquiry has to be conducted.

4. The respondents are not justified in having received the complaint and keeping it unattended without any further action. In

view of the same, the petitioner has made out a case for this Court to invoke its inherent powers under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Hence, the second and third respondents are directed as follows:

1) If the information received by the second and third respondents discloses commission of a cognizable offence, then, the same shall be forthwith registered.

2) If an information received does not disclose a cognizable offence, the second and third respondents shall conduct a preliminary inquiry to ascertain whether cognizable offence is disclosed therein or not and such inquiry shall be completed within a period of seven days from the date of information.

3) If the inquiry discloses the commission of a cognizable offence, the FIR must be registered, if not already registered or closed.

4) If the preliminary inquiry ends in closing the complaint, the disclosure report must be recorded along with the reasonings and a copy of the same shall be furnished to the complainant within one week.

5)All information relating to cognizable offences whether resulting in registration of FIR or leading an inquiry must be reflected in the general diary/station diary/daily diary of the second and third respondent's police station.

5.In the result, the Criminal Original Petition is allowed with the above directions.

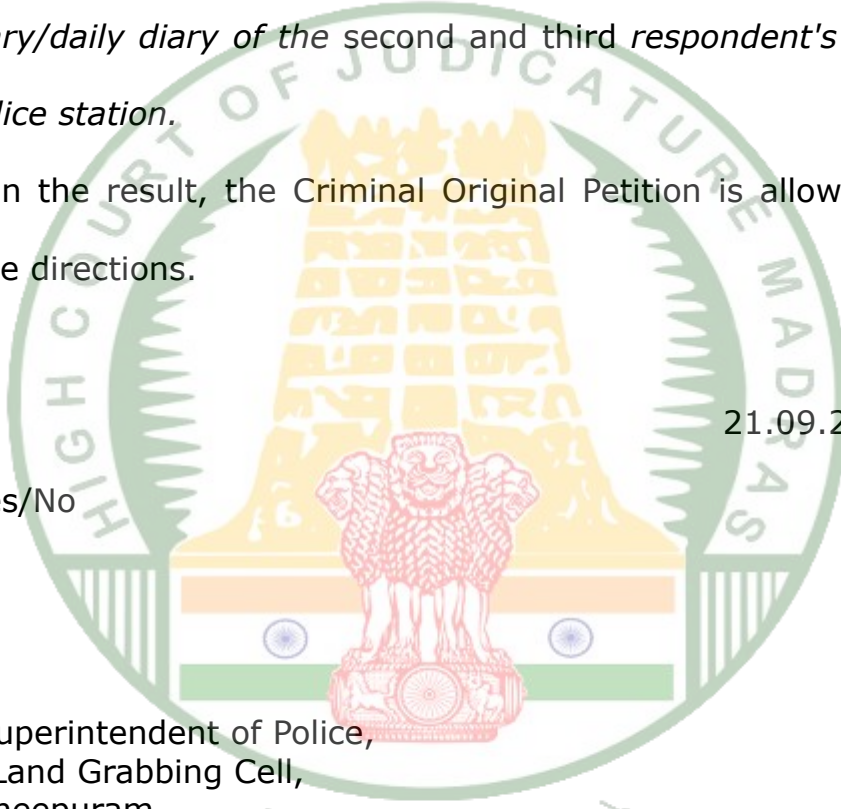
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