

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.10.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

CrI.O.P.No.7844 of 2017

D.Settu @ Sivabakkiyam

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. State by
The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tirukovilur,
Villupuram District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Arakandanallur Police Station,
Villupuram District.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C.
praying to

(i).Direct the 2nd respondent to register a case on the basis of the petitioner's complaint dated 21.03.2017, investigate into and proceed with the same as per law and within a time frame fixex by this Hon'ble Court.

(ii).Issue a direction to initiate appropriate criminal and departmental proceedings against Ms.Geetha, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Thirukovilur, Mr.Kamaraj, Inspector of Police, Arakandanallur Police Station, Mr.Sivachandran, Sub Inspector of Police, Aragandanallur Police Station and also the Superintendent of Police, Villupuram.

(iii).Issue a direction to the Aragandanallur Panchayat Officials not to cut down the remaining trees and the petitioner prays that she may be given 24 months time to cut down the trees by herself.

For Petitioner : D.Settu @ Sivabakkiyam
Party-in-person.
For Respondents : Mr.P.Govindarajan
Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the 2nd respondent to register a case based on the complaint lodged by the petitioner dated 21.03.2017 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 inspite of a complaint given by her on 21.03.2017 to the 2nd respondent , 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 disclose 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 2nd respondent is 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 2nd respondent is directed as follows:

1) If the information received by the 2nd respondent 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 2nd respondent 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 2nd respondent's police station.

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

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