

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.10.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

Crl.O.P.No.21052 of 2017

Mahalakshmi

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State, rep by
The Superintendent of Police,
Coimbatore District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch,
Vadavalli Police Station,
Coimbatore - 641 018. ... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying to direct the respondents to register the complaint dated 07.09.2017 and ensure proper investigation known to law.

For Petitioner : Mr. J. Stalin

For Respondents : Mr.P.Govindarajan
Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondent to register the complaint dated 07.09.2017 and to ensure proper investigation, known to law.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3.The grievance of the petitioner is that in spite of a complaint given by her on 07.09.2017 to the second respondent, seeking for register the FIR 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 second 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 second respondent is directed as follows:

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

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

Sd/-

ASST. REGISTRAR

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SUB ASST. REGISTRAR

To

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