

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.10.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

CrI.O.P.No.21087 of 2017

Maimunabi

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the District Superintendent of Police,
Tiruvannamalai District,
Tiruvannamalai.
 2. The District Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tiruvannamalai District,
Tiruvannamalai.
 3. The Inspector of Police,
Town Police Station, Tiruvannamalai,
Tiruvannamalai District.
- ...Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying to direct the respondents police to investigate and to register the complaints dated 15.03.2017 and 14.07.2017 respectively.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Malaichamy

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

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents to register a case based on the complaints lodged by the petitioner dated 15.03.2017 and 14.07.2017 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 the complaints given by her on 15.03.2017 and 14.07.2017 to the respondents, the same have 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 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 third respondent is directed as follows:

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

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

-Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The District Superintendent of Police,
Tiruvannamalai District,
Tiruvannamalai.
 2. The District Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tiruvannamalai District,
Tiruvannamalai.
 3. The Inspector of Police,
Town Police Station, Tiruvannamalai,
Tiruvannamalai District.
 4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
- + 1 cc to Mr.R.Malaichamy, Advocate Sr.No.72199

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