

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.03.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

Crl.O.P.No.7278 of 2018

M/s.S & S Industries and Enterprises Limited,
Rep by its Dy. General Manager,
Mr.S.Ramasamy
204, SIDCO AIEMA Tower, First Main Road,
Ambattur Industrial Estate,
Chennai 600 058. Petitioner

Versus

The Inspector of Police,
Arcot Taluk Police Station,
Arcot - 632 503,
Vellore District. Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. pleaded to direct the respondent viz., Inspector of Police, Arcot Taluk Police Station, Arcot, Vellore District to take further action on the complaint of the petitioner dated 10th July 2017 covered under CSR No.187 of 2017 dated 14th August 2017, register the First Information Report, take up investigation on priority, trace the stolen items and bring the culprits before law.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Natarajan

For Respondent : Mr.C.Raghavan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondent to take further action on the complaint of the petitioner dated 10th July 2017 covered under CSR No.187 of 2017 dated 14th August 2017, register the First Information Report, take up investigation on priority, trace the stolen items and bring the culprits before 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 him on 14.08.2017 to the 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 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.

5. In the result, the petitioner is directed to give a copy of the complaint dated 14.08.2017 to the Station House Officer having territorial jurisdiction over the issue. On receipt of the said copy of the complaint, the concerned Station House Officer shall adhere to the following directions.

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

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

Sd/-
Deputy Registrar (CS)

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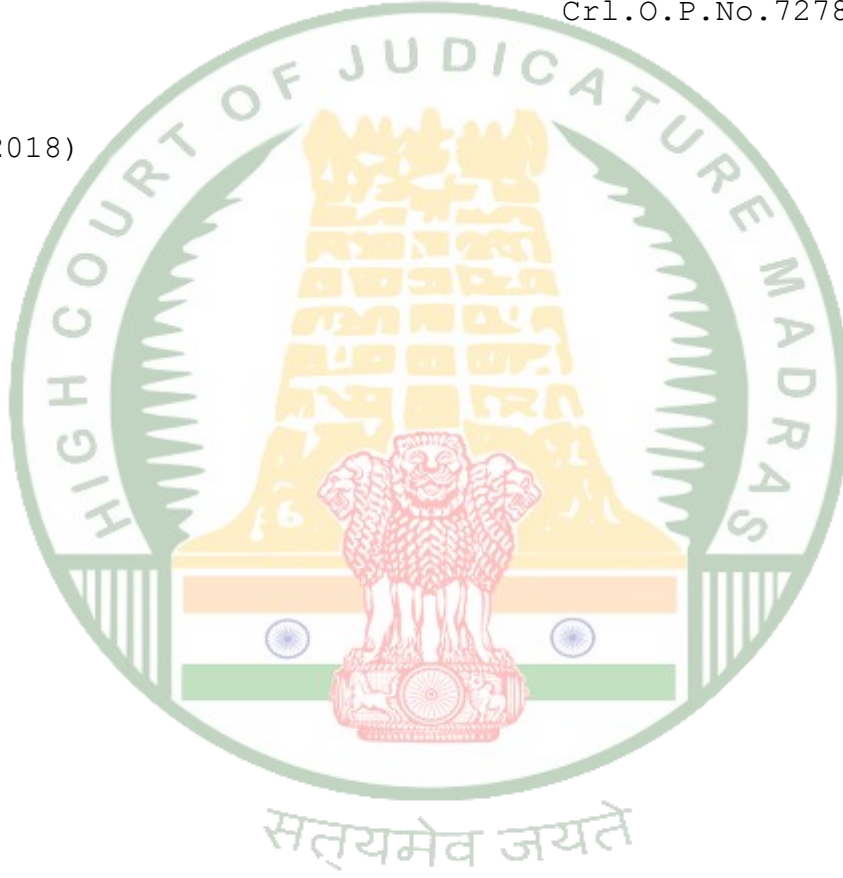
To

1.The Inspector of Police (L & O)
Arcot Taluk Police Station,
Arcot 632 503
Vellore District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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