

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.03.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

Crl.O.P.No.9440 of 2018

R.Raja

... Petitioner

Versus

1.The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
St.Thomas Mount, Chennai District.

2.The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Pallavaram, St.Thomas Mount,
Chennai District.

3.The Inspector of Police, (Law and Order),
Shankar Nagar Police Station,
Chennai District.

... Respondents

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C.
praying to direct the 3rd respondent to register a case based on
the complaint given by the petitioner dated 14.03.2018 and
investigate and follow process of law.

For Petitioner : M/s.R.P.Murugan Raja

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

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking a direction to the 3rd
respondent police to register a case on the basis of the
petitioner's complaint dated 14.03.2018.

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 14.03.2018 to the 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 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.

5. In the result, the petitioner is directed to give a copy of the complaint dated 14.03.2018 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 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 respondent's police station.

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

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To

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4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

+1 cc to Mr.R.P.Muruganraja, Advocate SR.NO. 22951

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