

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.02.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.No.2475 of 2018

Dr.A.Annadurai

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep by The Chief Secretary to the Government,
St. George Fort,
Chennai-600009.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
District Police Office,
Namakkal District -637003

3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Namakkal District.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Puduchatram Police Station,
Namakkal District.

5. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Namakkal Taluk.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd to 4th respondents enquire into the matter on the basis of the petitioner complaint dated 21.05.2017 as well as complaint dated 21.06.2017 and register the F.I.R.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Tamilavel

For Respondents : Mrs.R.Krishnapriya

Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondent police to register a case on the basis of the petitioner's complaint dated 21.05.2017.

2.By consent of both sides, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal.

3.The grievance of the petitioner is that inspite of a complaint given by him on 21.05.2018 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 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 21.05.2017 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 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 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 2nd respondent's police station.

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

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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