



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.08.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Cr1.O.P.(MD).No.1587 of 2018

S.Muthukumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Thallakulam, Madurai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Thallakulam Police Station,
Madurai City.

3. P.Singammal

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C., to direct the respondents 1 and 2 not to harass the petitioner in the guise of enquiry by insisting the petitioner to return back the sale consideration to the third respondent that was paid to the land owner for purchase of agriculture land.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Gowrishankar
For R1 and R2	: Mr.M.Chandra Sekaran Additional Public Prosecutor

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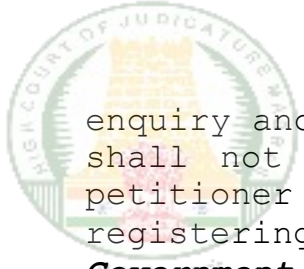
This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the first and second respondents not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

2.Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the official respondents.

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submits that on the complaint given by the third respondent against the petitioner, petition enquiry is pending on the file of the respondent police.

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4.The petitioner is directed to cooperate with the police for



enquiry and at the time of conducting of the enquiry, the petitioner shall not be harassed by the police. The police cannot call the petitioner on a regular basis in the guise of enquiry without even registering an FIR and Supreme Court of India in **Lalitha Kumari Vs. Government of Uttar Pradesh** reported in **2013 (6) CTC 353** has enumerated the nature of cases where preliminary enquiry can be conducted and has also restricted the period, for which preliminary enquiry can be conducted. During the course of enquiry, if any cognizable offence is made out, respondent police is free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioner against the respondent proceeding to take action in accordance with law.

5. With the above directions, the Criminal Original Petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (Writs)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

To

1. The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Thallakulam, Madurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thallakulam Police Station,
Madurai City.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+ 1 CC TO Mr.S.MALAIKANI, ADVOCATE IN SR No. 79038

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