



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.08.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.(MD).No.1667 of 2018

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1.M.Venugopal

2.Mythili

3.Gayathiri

...Petitioners /Accused 2 to 4

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Usilampatti,
Madurai District.

2.N.Ramya

...Respondents / Complainant /
Defacto complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C., to direct the first respondent not to harass the petitioners in relation to the matrimonial disputes between the second respondent and her divorced husband V.Navaneetham, in any manner.

For Petitioners : Mr.N.Subramanian

For R1 : Mr.M.Chandra Sekaran
Additional Public Prosecutor

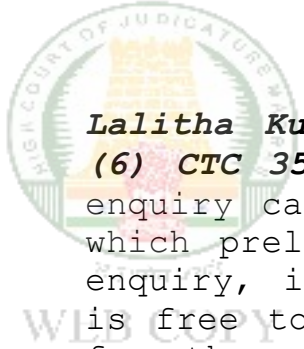
O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the first respondent police not to harass the petitioners under the guise of enquiry.

2.Heard learned Counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent.

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

4.The petitioners are directed to cooperate with the police for enquiry and at the time of conducting of the enquiry, the petitioners shall not be harassed by the police. The police cannot call the petitioners 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, first respondent is free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioners against the respondent proceeding to take action in accordance with law.

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

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Assistant Registrar (Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-IV)

To

1. The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Usilampatti,
Madurai District.
2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1cc to M/S.P.JESSI JEEVA PRIYA, Advocate SR.No.79403

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