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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.08.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Cr1.O.P. (MD) .No.13593 of 2017

Arumuga Moopanar

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Aathoor Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C., to direct the respondents not to harass the petitioner threatening him to give money to any body else.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.R.Anbarasu

For Respondents : 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 respondents not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

2.Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and 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 against the petitioner in connection with bursting of crackers at Kuttam, petition enquiry is pending on the file of the respondent police

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, second respondent 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 (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

To

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