



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 24.08.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Cr1.O.P.(MD).No.6633 of 2018

K.Malai Nachiyar

...Petitioner

Vs.

State represented by

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Ramanathapuram District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Ramanathapuram District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C., to direct the second respondent not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

For Petitioner :Mr.J.M.Hassanul Bazari

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

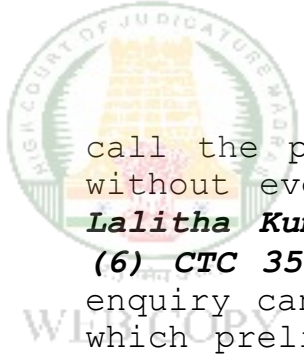
O R D E R

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

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

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submits that on the complain against the petitioner, 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 (T & P)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Ramanathapuram District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Ramanathapuram District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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