



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.10.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

Cr1.O.P.(MD)No.19028 of 2018

Chhanda Paul

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Inspector of Police,
Thirunagar Police Station,
Thirunagar, Madurai.

2.Venkatesh Babu

3.G.S.Sathiamoorthy

4.Vallavaraj

...Respondents

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to direct the respondents not to harass the petitioner in the guise of petition enquiry.

For Petitioner

: Mr.G.Balasubramanian

For R1

: Mr.R.Anandharaj

Additional Public Prosecutor

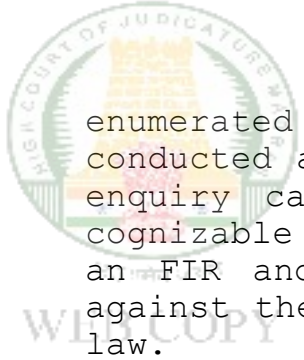
ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the first respondent not to harass the petitioner in the guise of petition enquiry.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the first respondent.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submits that on the complaint given by one Venkatesh Babu, against the petitioner herein, petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R. No.193 of 2018 on the file of the first 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, first 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 direction, this Criminal Original Petition is closed.

Sd/
Assistant Registrar(AD-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS-III)

To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Thirunagar Police Station,
Thirunagar, Madurai.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1cc to Mr.G.Balasubramanian, Advocate, SR.No. 92119

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