



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 28.09.2020**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE R.PONGIAPPAN**

**CRL OP(MD)No.10432 of 2020**

S.Muthuponnarasi

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,  
Thanthonimalai Police Station,  
Thanthonimalai,  
Karur District.  
(Crime No.332 of 2019)

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent police to file the final report in connection with Crime No.332 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Gomathi Sankar

For Respondents : Mr.S.Chandrasekar  
Additional Public Prosecutor

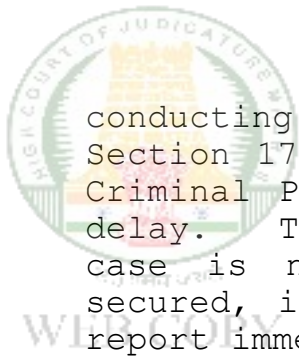
**O R D E R**

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent police to file the final report, in connection with a case Crime No.332 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police.

2.Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent police.

3. Mr.S.Chandrasekar, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police, on instructions, would submit that since the police officers were busy in their duties to combat unprecedented situation arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic, some more time is required to file the final report. The submission made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor is placed on record.

4. In general, whenever any information in relation to commission of cognizable or non-cognizable offence is received, the police officer shall adhere to the procedure contemplated under Sections 154 & 155 of the Criminal Procedure Code and after



conducting necessary enquiry/investigation, file final report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C. Such investigation under Chapter XII of the Criminal Procedure Code shall be completed without any unnecessary delay. Though the delay in filing the final report in the present case is not having any inordinate delay, since the victim is secured, it is very easy for the Police officer to file the final report immediately.

5. Therefore, considering the fact that the petition mentioned FIR has been registered for the offence under Sections 294(b), 323 and 379 of IPC., it is appropriate to direct the respondent police to complete the investigation in Crime No.332 of 2019, pending on his file and file the final report, as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above observations and direction, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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**Note :** In view of the present lock down owing to COVID-19 pandemic, a web copy of the order may be utilized for official purposes, but, ensuring that the copy of the order that is presented is the correct copy, shall be the responsibility of the advocate/litigant concerned.

To

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

2. The Inspector of Police,  
Thanthonimalai Police Station, Thanthonimalai, Karur District.

3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.G.GOMATHI SANKAR, Advocate (SR-18202[F] dated 28/09/2020)

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