

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P.No.20616 of 2020

K. Punithavathi

..Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Superintendent of Police,  
The Superintendent of Police Office,  
Thiruvannamalai,  
Thiruvannamalai District 606 604.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,  
Camp Office of Deputy Superintendent  
of Police, Vandavasi 604 408.
3. The Inspector of Police,  
Vandhavasi South Town Police Station,  
Vandhavasi Town and Taluk,  
Thiruvannamalai District 604 408.
4. The Sub Inspector of Police,  
Vandhavasi South Town Police Station,  
Vandhavasi Town and Taluk,  
Thiruvannamalai District 604 408.

..Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the Respondents not to harass the Petitioner since the case is purely civil in nature.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ramanareddy

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz  
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to direct the Respondents not to harass the Petitioner since the case is purely civil in nature.

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

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents police submits that on the complaint given by the defacto complainant against the petitioner, petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R.No.215 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

4.The petitioner is directed to co-operate 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 the 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, the respondents are free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioner against the respondents proceeding to take action in accordance with law.

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

Sd/-  
Asst.Registrar (CO)

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Sub Asst. Registrar

To

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5. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

+1cc to M/s.V.Ramana Reddy, Advocate, Sr.No.597

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