

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P.No.20588 of 2020

Mr.A.Punniyakotti,
S/o.Arumugam.

.. Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai City Police,
Vepery, Chennai 600 007.

2.The Inspector of Police,
J-6, Thiruvanmiyur Police Station,
Chennai.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Criminal Original petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the respondents not to harass the petitioner under the guise of investigation in respect of the complaint made against him on the file of 2nd respondent and pass orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Anaimuthu Raja

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to direct the 2nd respondent police not to harass the petitioner in the name of enquiry without due process of law.

2.Heard the 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 submitted that on the complaint given by one Veeran against the petitioner, petition enquiry is pending in CSR.No.360 of 2020, on the file of the 2nd 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.

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Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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2. The Inspector of Police,
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Chennai.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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