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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 31.03.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.7251 of 2022

Sophia Rajakumari

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Nellikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, pleaded to direct the respondent to appoint competent women Inspector of Police to fairly investigation the case in Crime No.220 of 2022 dated 03.03.2022 on the file of second respondent herein and protecting the victims rights by considering the petitioner representation dated 15.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sankarasubbu

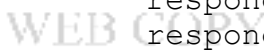
For Respondents : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan

Additional Public Prosecutor.

O R D E R

The Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the respondents to appoint competent Women Inspector of Police for conducting the investigation fairly in Crime No.220 of 2022 dated 03.03.2022, on the file of second respondent herein and to protect the victim's rights by considering the petitioner's representation dated 15.03.2022.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is a victim of sexual harassment at workplace. Based on the complaint given by her, a case in Crime No.220 of 2022 was registered by the second respondent police. He would further submit that since the matter relates to the sexual harassment, the case may be investigated by the Woman Police Officer. He would also submit that the petitioner feels delicate to give her statement before the male officer, thereby, the present petition has been filed seeking for a



3. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents would submit that in such circumstances, the respondents have no objection in the case being transferred to the nearest All Women Police Station and the investigation can be conducted by the Woman Inspector of Police in the Station concerned. He would further submit that the nearest All Women Police Station is at Cuddalore. He would also submit that the accused in this case had approached this Court by filing a quash petition in CrI.O.P.No.6959 of 2022 and this Court had directed that investigation shall go on and the final report shall not be filed.

5. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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

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2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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