



Crl.OP.No.29816 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 12.12.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

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V.Rajkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner of Police,
W62f+H5V, Elcot Sez, Karappam,
Sholinganallur, Tambaram,
Chennai 600 119.

2.The Inspector of Police,
W-35, All Women Police Station,
Muthurangam Mudali Street,
Abdul Razack, Tambaram,
Chennai 600 045.

... Respondents

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.,
to direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner.

For Petitioner

: Mr.R.Venkatesh

For Respondents

: Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate(Crl.side)



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the respondents not to harass the petitioner.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that under the pretext of enquiry, the respondents police are unnecessarily harassing the petitioner.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents police submitted that the complaint given by the petitioner's wife was forwarded to the Social Welfare Officer for preliminary enquiry on 01.04.2022 and the enquiry report was received from the Social Welfare Officer on 20.09.2022. Thereafter, on 29.11.2022, the respondent sent a summon to the petitioner for enquiry. The petition enquiry is pending since the petitioner has not cooperated for enquiry.

4. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police.



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5. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the respondent police has been harassing him under the guise of an enquiry/investigation and hence, has invoked the inherent powers of this Court under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.

6. In the present case in hand, the petitioner has complained of harassment by the police based on a complaint and seek for this Court's intervention by way of a direction. The term 'harassment' by itself has a very wide meaning and hence, what could be harassment to the petitioner may not be the same to the police officer.

7. In order to circumvent such situations, the following guidelines are issued:

a) While summoning any person named in the complaint or any witness to the incident complained of, the police officer shall summon such person through a written summon under Section 160 Cr.P.C., specifying a particular date and time for appearing before them for such an enquiry/investigation.



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b) The respondents police are directed to serve summons mentioning the CSR number, date of complaint and the name of the complainant

c)The minutes of the enquiry shall be recorded in the general diary/station diary/daily diary of the police station.

d)The police officer shall refrain himself or herself from harassing persons called upon for enquiry/investigation.

e)The guidelines stipulated for preliminary enquiry or registration of FIR by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Lalita Kumari Vs. Government of Uttar Pradesh and others [2014 (2) SCC (1)]** shall be strictly adhered to.

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

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 - 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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G.CHANDRASEKHARAN,J.

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