



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 04.02.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

Crl.O.P(MD)No.2370 of 2022

1.S.Rama
2.M.Sathish ... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Inspector of Police,
Thallakulam Police Station,
Madurai District.

2.P.Santhi ... Respondents

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to direct the first respondent police not to harass the petitioners in the guise of enquiry and not to interfere in the civil dispute between the petitioners and the second respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Tamil Amuthan
For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R1

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The petitioners allege harassment at the hands of the respondent police. To forbear them from doing so, this criminal original petition has been filed.

2.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the second respondent has given a complaint against the petitioners and that is presently pending enquiry.

3.In these circumstances, the following directions are issued:-

(i) The petitioners will be summoned only by way of written summon. There is no question of orally summoning the petitioners.

(ii) The respondent police will conclude the enquiry on merits and in accordance with law within a period of two weeks after the appearance of the petitioners.

(iii) If the matter is purely civil in nature, the



respondent police will close the complaint.

(iv) If cognizable offence is made out and if the respondent police proposes to register any FIR, the petitioners will be given due notice. So that the petitioners will have breathing time to move the concerned Court for the relief of anticipatory bail.

4.The criminal original petition is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To:

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Thallakulam Police Station,
Madurai District.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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