



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.04.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN**

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.7196 of 2022

Ravindran

... Petitioner

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to direct the respondent to file a final report in Crime No. 68 of 2019 dated 28.09.2019 pending before the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Mahalakshmi

For Respondent : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to direct the respondent to file a final report in Crime No. 68 of 2019 dated 28.09.2019 pending before the respondent.

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

3. Whenever any information in relation to commission of cognizable or non-cognizable offence is received, the police officer shall adhere to the procedure contemplated under Sections 154 & 155 of the Criminal Procedure Code and after conducting necessary enquiry/investigation, file final report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C. Such investigation under Chapter XII of the Criminal Procedure Code shall be completed without any unnecessary delay. The delay in filing a final report in the present case is inordinate and unjustified. Hence, it would be appropriate to direct the Investigating Officer to file a final report within a stipulated time, if not already filed.

4. Considering the facts and circumstance of the case, this Court directs the respondent police to complete the investigation in Crime No. 68 of 2019 pending on his file and file a final report within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of a

