



W.P.(MD)No.23584of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.11.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **SATHI KUMAR SUKUMARA KURUP**

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S.P.Muthuraman

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police
Tirunelveli District

2. The Inspector of Police
Thalaiyuthu Police Station
Tirunelveli District

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second Respondent to take action on Petitioner's complaint dated 11.07.2022 under the Criminal Law in the light of the dictum laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Case of Lalita Kumari Vs Government of Uttar Pradesh and Ors. reported in (2014) 2 SCC 1

For Petitioner :Mr.R.Anand

For Respondents :Mr.B.Nambiselvan

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The Petitioner has filed the above Writ Petition to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second Respondent to take action on



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Petitioner's complaint dated 11.07.2022 under the Criminal Law in the light of the dictum laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Case of Lalita Kumari Vs Government of Uttar Pradesh and Ors. reported in (2014) 2 SCC 1.

2. Heard Mr.R.Anand learned Counsel for the Petitioner and Mr.B.Nambiselvan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the Respondents.

3.In the Ruling of Division Bench of this Court in a batch of Criminal Original Petitions reported in **CDJ 2018 MHC 5100**, in the case of **G.Prabakaran vs The Superintendent of Police, Thanjavur District and another**, it was stated that the Writ Petition seeking direction to register the case cannot be ordered. Only Criminal Original Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., can be filed for a direction to register the case. Also in the same judgment, it was stated that the Complainant, before approaching this Court, in cases, where the Police refused to register the case, has to exhaust the remedy available under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C., by filing a Petition under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C., before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court concerned. Only the learned Judicial Magistrate has to pass appropriate orders directing the Police concerned to register a case and investigate. Even after such



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direction, if the Police had not registered a case, then the Complainant can approach this Court under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. seeking a direction to register a case. For this, there shall be a reasonable time of 15 days or one month from the date of the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate concerned for the Investigation Officer or the Police Officer to register a case. Only after the expiry of 15 days or one month from the date of order of learned Judicial Magistrate, the Complainant can approach this Court under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking direction.

4.Instead of following the said guidelines, the Petitioner herein had approached this Court straightaway seeking Writ of Mandamus. Hence, this Writ Petition is not maintainable. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed with liberty to the Petitioner to approach the concerned Court as per the reported ruling of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court. No costs.

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