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Crl.OP.No.3896 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.02.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

Crl.O.P.No.3896 of 2023

K.N.Janakiraman

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thiruvallur District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvallur Taluk Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to direct the 2nd respondent police not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

For Petitioner

: Mr.G.Ponnambalathiyagarajan

For Respondents

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

ORDER



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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the 2nd respondent police not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner and one Vishal are friends. On the basis of the complaint given by said Vishal, 2nd respondent is unnecessarily harassing the petitioner. Therefore, present petition is filed.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that, based on the complaint given by Vishal in connection with monetary dispute, petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R.No.754 of 2022.

4. 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.

5. In the present case in hand, the petitioner has complained of



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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.

6. In order to meet 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.

b) The respondent police is 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



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persons called upon for enquiry/investigation.

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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.

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

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Thiruvallur District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras, Chennai.

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