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*Crl.O.P.No.6298 of 2023*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.7.2023

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH**

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Jothi.R.

...Petitioner

Vs

Senior Intelligence Officer  
Mr.V.S.M.Nagendra  
Directorate of Revenue Intelligence,  
No.27, G.N.Chetty Road,  
T.Nagar, Chennai-17.

...Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code seeking to direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner.

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| For Petitioner | : | M/s.P.V.S.Giridhar Associates                   |
| For Respondent | : | Mr.A.Damodaran,<br>Additional Public Prosecutor |

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner in the name of enquiry.



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

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submits that on the complaint given by the defacto complainant against the petitioner, petition enquiry is pending in C.No.172 of 2023 on the file of the respondent.

4.The petitioner is directed to co-operate with the police for enquiry and at the time of conducting of the enquiry, the petitioner shall not be harassed by the police. The police cannot call the petitioner on a regular basis in the guise of enquiry without even registering an FIR and the Supreme Court of India in ***Lalitha Kumari Vs. Government of Uttar Pradesh*** [reported in ***2013 (6) CTC 353***] has enumerated the nature of cases where preliminary enquiry can be conducted and has also restricted the period, for which preliminary enquiry can be conducted. During the course of enquiry, if any cognizable offence is made out, the respondent is free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioner against the respondent proceeding to take action in accordance with law.



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5. With the above directions, the Criminal Original Petition is closed.

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Speaking Order : Yes/No

Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes/No

To

1. The Senior Intelligence Officer,  
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2. The Public Prosecutor,  
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