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Crl.O.P.No.12797 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.06.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

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K.Karunakaran

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai City,
Vepery,
Chennai – 600 007.

2.The Inspector of Police, (Crime)
J-3, Guindy Police Station,
Chennai – 600 032.

3.Lakshmanan

...Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to direct the 2nd respondent herein viz the Inspector of Police, J.3 Guindy Police Station, Chennai not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Selvaraj
For Respondent :Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (crl.side)
(For R1 and R2)



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the 2nd respondent herein viz the Inspector of Police, J.3 Guindy Police Station, Chennai not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that third respondent has given false complaint against the petitioner in connection with the money transaction. On the basis of the complaint given by third respondent, 2nd and 3rd respondents are unnecessarily harassing the petitioner. Therefore, this petition is filed.

3. In response, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) submitted that, third respondent gave a complaint against the petitioner alleging that petitioner is liable to pay a sum of Rs.7,00,000/- to him and cheated. Despite several requests, petitioner refused to pay the amount and therefore gave the complaint. On the basis of the complaint, petition enquiry in C.No.675/COP/Visitors/2023 is pending.



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4. Considered the submissions and perused the records.

5. This Court, exercising its power under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code normally would not interfere with the investigation conducted by a police officer. Nevertheless, it would also not turn a blind eye to instances of harassment by the police under the guise of investigation is brought to its notice.

6. In the present case in hand, the petitioner had complained of 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 petitioners may not be the same to the police officer.

7. 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



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person through a summon/notice 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 persons called upon for enquiry/investigation.

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.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

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High Court, Madras.



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