



Crl.O.P.No.13310 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.06.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.CHANDRASEKHARAN**

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Mohammed Imran Khan M K

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Inspector of Police, (Crime),
All Women Police Station,
Tiruppur,
Tiruppur District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to direct the respondent not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry in the interest of justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Venkatesan

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed directing the respondent not to harass the petitioner under the guise of enquiry in the interest of justice.



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2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that on the basis of the false complaint given by the petitioner's wife one Kasiba Samrin, the respondent Police is unnecessarily harassing the petitioner. Therefore, this petition.

3. In response, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) submitted that the petitioner's wife one Kasiba Samrin gave a complaint against the petitioner and his relatives alleging dowry harassment and cruelty. On the basis of her complaint, enquiry is pending in CSR.No.200 of 2023.

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 has complained of harassment by the police based on a complaint and seek for this Court's intervention by way of



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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 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.



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f) If any cognizable offence is committed, then it is open to the respondent police to take appropriate action or else they should not interfere with the civil dispute between the parties.

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

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To

1. The Inspector of Police, (Crime),
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Tiruppur District.
2. The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court.



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