



Crl.O.P.No.20178 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.09.2023

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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.. Petitioner

Versus

1. The Inspector of Police,
Madhavaram Police Station,
Madhavaram,
Chennai.

2. Chandru

.. Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to direct the 1st respondent not to harass the petitioner except due process of law.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Thenrajan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran,
Additional Public Prosecutor,
for R1

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the first respondent not to harass the petitioner except due process of law.



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

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police submits that on the complaint given by the defacto complainant against the petitioner, petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R.No.688 of 2023 on the file of the respondent Police.

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 Police is free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioner



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against the respondent Police proceeding to take action in accordance with law.

5. With the above directions, the Criminal Original Petition is disposed off.

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Index : yes/no
Speaking order/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation : yes/no
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