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*Crl.O.P. No.7105 of 2024*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 25.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

**Crl.O.P.No.7105 of 2024**

Praba Narasiman

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,  
O/o.The Superintendent of Police,  
Tiruvarur, Tiruvarur District.

2. The Inspector of Police (Crime),  
District Crime Branch  
O/o. The District police Office,  
Tiruvarur District

.. Respondents

**Prayer:** Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the respondents not to harass the petitioners under the guise of enquiry.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.J.Shiva Arudhra  
For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to direct the respondents 1 and 2 not to harass the petitioners.



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WEB COPY 2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents.

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents police submits that on the complaint given by the defacto complainant against the petitioners, petition enquiry is pending in CP No.1 of 2024 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 respondents are free to register an FIR and this order shall not be a shield for the petitioner against the respondents 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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