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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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S.Mahalakshmi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The State of Tamilnadu rep.by,
The Director General of Police,
No.1, Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai 04.

2.The State represented by,
The Commissioner of Police,
(Greater Chennai Police)
No.132, EVK Sampath Road,
Vepery, Chennai 07.

3.The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
P1, Pulianthope Police Station,
Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of B.N.S.S., to issue appropriate directions to the third respondent police not to harass the petitioner and her family members.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.D.Ilayaraja

For Respondent(s):

Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam,
Additional Public Prosecutor



ORDER

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The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the third respondent not to harass the petitioner and her family members under the guise of enquiry.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondent police without any prior intimation, came to his residence and knocked on the doors, thereby causing embarrassment to the petitioner and damaging her reputation among the public and neighbours.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner's husband has 32 previous cases, he is a history-sheeted rowdy and therefore, the respondents police had gone to the residence and enquired.

4. It is seen that the petitioner's husband is a history-sheeter and several criminal cases are pending against him. In order to secure his presence and to ascertain his whereabouts and movements, the respondents police have conducted enquiry, which is now alleged to be harassment.



5. The learned counsel for the petitioner did not dispute the fact that the petitioner's husband is a history-sheeter. In such circumstances, the action of the respondents police in verifying his movements and conducting enquiry cannot be construed as harassment, particularly in view of the law and order requirements.

6. This Court finds that the enquiry conducted by the respondent police is within the bounds of law and does not warrant interference under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

7. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the respondents police are directed to conduct the enquiry strictly in accordance with law and without causing undue harassment to the petitioner.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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