

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT
CHENNAI**

Suo Moto Case No.8274/22/13/2024/HCP & HM-2

Suo-motu cognizance taken on the basis of the video available in Public Domain as Thiru.Elangovan, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Thiruvotriyur, Chennai along with a team of Police Personnel, under the guise of warning to a lady, presumably, wife of a person involved in criminal cases has stated thus, will break the bone if a person takes or encounter, if he is involved in any murder.

-Vs-

1. The Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Home Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.
2. The Director General of Police,
Tamil Nadu.
3. The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai.
4. Thiru Elangovan,
Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Thiruvotriyur,
Chennai.

.....Respondents

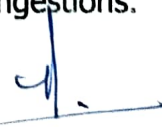
AFFIDAVIT OF THE 3rd RESPONDENT

I, A.Arun, I.P.S, S/o.Mr.R.Arumugam, aged about 52 years, presently holding the office of The Commissioner of Police, having address at Office of Commissioner of Police, 132, EVK Sampath Road, Periamet, Vepery, Chennai, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state on oath as follows:

1. I submit that I am the 3rd Respondent herein and as such I am well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case.
2. I submit that I am holding the office of the 3rd Respondent from 08.07.2024. I submit that it is the duty of the State to maintain law and order through its machineries for the welfare of its citizens. I submit that the State through its machineries is working round the clock in order to ensure peace and protection to the citizens of the State. I submit that the Police are one of the most ubiquitous organisations of the society. I submit that the policemen, therefore, happen to be the most visible representatives of the government. I submit that in an hour of need, danger, crisis and difficulty, when a citizen does not know, what to do and whom to approach, the police station and a policeman happen to be the most appropriate and approachable unit and person for him.
3. I submit that the Police in order to promote and preserve public order undertakes various works that includes but not limited to a) patrolling, including nakabandi, performing picket jobs, checking vehicles and frisking passengers, b) Surveillance and checking of bad characters c) Preventive arrests d) Collection and transmission of criminal intelligence.
4. I submit that a press meet was held at my office on assuming the office of the 3rd Respondent. I submit that the members of the press raised several questions and appropriate answers were given by me. I submit that it was

stated by me that it is my primary duty to take necessary actions with regard to issues faced in the Chennai City such as law and order issues, traffic problems, rowdyism, corruption in police department, kangaroo courts, etc.

5. I submit that during the said press meeting, a member of the press raised a question to me on what actions would be taken towards the drug menace and it was answered by me that regular and professional policing would totally curb the same. It was further answered by me that professional policing by all officials of the Police Department on a regular basis would curtail and reduce all crimes and I would take all actions to ensure that the same is followed by all the officials. It is pertinent to point out that I have use the word professional policing and that would prove beyond all reasonable doubt that the same would mean the police officials including me to act in a manner known and in accordance with the law.
6. I submit that it was further answered by me that law and order have to be maintained, crimes have to be prevented, investigation has to be done in the crimes that have taken place, rowdyism has to be suppressed and the rowdies has to be educated in the manner they understand. I submit that it was further informed by me that these are the priorities and necessary steps would also be taken to control the traffic congestions.


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7. I submit that a member of the press also questioned me whether any encounters would be expected on any rowdies and it was specifically answered by me that there are no such things and we will take all steps to ensure that rowdies and will be dealt in accordance with law. I submit that the said statement was made with a sole intention to educate the rowdies and make them understand the consequences of such crimes and the effect and impact it has on the society. I submit that it was specifically mentioned by me at the first instance during the said press conference that professional policing would be done in a regular manner to ensure law and order is maintained. I submit that I strongly believe in the law and the Hon'ble judicial systems of this Country. I submit that I am also aware of the roles and responsibilities of a Police officials and the duty cast upon them to maintain law and order.
8. I submit that there were no threats of whatsoever in nature made by me during the said press conference and the entire recordings of the said press conference would reveal the same. I submit that the holistic perspective of this interview is to gain confidence among the public that professional policing being followed. I submit that I strongly believe in professional policing and I have followed the same till date.
9. I submit that there was no other intention of whatsoever in nature other than what was stated above while making the said statement. The mere

notice of summoning me has been widely disseminated in the media and the same wrongly influenced the opinion of the general public as if I am encouraging encounters, which is completely untrue. I submit that I am a law abiding citizen and I am performing my duties with utmost sincerity in order to ensure that the general public feels safe and secure.

10. I further submit that provisions of the Human Rights legislations are not attracted as I have not made any human rights violation. It is reiterated that the statement in question is merely a tiny fragment from the press meet and the same should not be interpreted in a different perspective than that of the entire conversation and its perspectives.

11. I most respectfully submit that I have been called upon before the Hon'ble State Commission in order to explain as to what I wanted to convey to the general public, as well as to the Police officers. I crave leave of this Hon'ble Commission to record the above said submissions and take the present Affidavit on record and treat the same as my explanation for the summon issued by this Hon'ble Commission and consequently recall the summon dated 07.10.2024.

12. I most respectfully submit that there are some preoccupied works and scheduled meetings with various officials and general public on 14.10.2024. I submit that my absence in the said meeting and works would cause great prejudice to the functioning of the Commissionerate, which would delay

several matters which are set in progress after I taking charge of the said office. I submit that there are two large demonstrations that is organised by a political party and another by an Association at Valluvar Kottam. Further, two Colleges i.e., Presidency and Pachaiyappas are reopening tomorrow after Pooja Holidays and there is a possibility of huge altercation between the student due to an unexpected event i.e., a student of a particular college was assaulted by the other. I most respectfully state that the said absence is neither wilful nor wanton and the same is due to the genuine and bonafide reasons stated above.

For the reasons stated above, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to take this Affidavit on record and consequently dispense with the personal appearance of the 3rd Respondent before the Hon'ble Commission and else the above Suo Moto case and thus render justice.

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Solemnly affirmed at Chennai on
This the ~~14~~ day of October 2024
And signed his name in the presence

BEFORE ME
ADVOCATE, CHENNAI