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THE STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, TAMIL NADU

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The State Human Rights Commission has directed three policemen, Inspector of Police attached to Mannachanallur P.S, a Sub-Inspector of Police and one SSI attached to Pulivalam P.S in Trichy District to pay a compensation of Rs.1.5 Lakhs to one Kalaiselvan for not registering an FIR in spite of repeated follow-ups with police.

In his petition, the petitioner Tr. Kalaiselvan stated that one Divya priya who came with an unknown person in a bike, who tied the mouth of the petitioner's mother's mouth using a towel, assaulted and snatched her gold chain and escaped in a motorcycle, that when the petitioner and his village people approached the above police personnel with regard to above incident, they were made to wander stating that they had been transferred to different police station and that the petitioner's father had already made an endorsement to the effect that no further action necessary on his complaint.

The petitioner stated that upon appealing before the CM Cell, SP, Trichy and the Hon'ble High Court, the concerned policemen insisted the petitioner to give a fresh complaint as per draft complaint prepared by them with lesser cost estimate. Further, the policemen claimed that though a case in Cr. No.12/2014 was registered with regard to the occurrence, it is a delayed complaint and that the said Divya Priya is an insane lady and there is no direct material evidence to file a case against her. The policemen further stated that the averments mentioned in the complaint are false.

SHRC Member Dr. Chittaranjan Mohandoss, IAS (Rtd.) said that in spite of the petitioner filing several complaints before the officials, the concerned policemen took the complaint in a hasty manner to satisfy their higher officials and filed the

FIR at a later date causing mental agony to the petitioner and his parents and forced them to go from pillar to post to seek justice thereby violated the directions issued by the Hon'ble Apex Court as well as the High Court. The Member further said that if police enquiry discloses cognizable offence, the FIR must be registered and the police officer cannot avoid his duty of registering an offence if cognizable offence is disclosed and action must be taken against erring officers who do not register an FIR. The Member directed the concerned policemen in this case to pay a compensation of Rs.1,50,000/- to the petitioner and also recommended the government to take disciplinary proceedings against them.

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