# IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

#### PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BECHU KURIAN THOMAS

THURSDAY, THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 / 4TH PHALGUNA, 1944

WP(CRL.) NO. 188 OF 2023

#### PETITIONER:

VINEETHA N. MENON,
AGED 44 YEARS,
D/O NARENDRANATH, RAMANILAYAM (POLLAYIL),
CHERTHALA MUNCIPALITY, WARD16,
MARUTHORVATTOM P.O, KOKKOTHAMANGALAM VILLAGE,
MARUTHORVATTOMMURI, CHERTALA TALUK,
ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT, PIN - 688 539

BY ADVS. V.MAHENDRANATH P.T.SHEEJISH

#### **RESPONDENTS**:

- 1 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, CCSB ROAD, CIVIL STATION WARD, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT, PIN - 688 012
- 2 STATION HOUSE OFFICER, POLICE STATION, MUHAMMA, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT, PIN - 688 525
- 3 ASHAKUMARI R., W/O C.B. BABU, SREEBHAVANAM HOUSE, PANAYAM NORTH, PANAYAM, KOLLAM DISTRICT, PIN - 691 601

BY SMT.SEETHA S., PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

THIS WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23.02.2023, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

Dated this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023

## **JUDGMENT**

Petitioner seeks for a direction to respondents 1 and 2 to consider Ext.P4 complaint and to conduct a proper investigation within a time frame.

- 2. Ext.P4 is the complaint purported to have been sent by post on 12.01.2023 to the Circle Inspector, Muhamma. If the police has not acted upon the said complaint, petitioner can avail of the remedies available under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. Without resorting to such a remedy, approaching this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is not appropriate.
- 3. As observed by the Supreme Court in *Sakiri Vasu v. State of UP and Others [(2008) 2 SCC 409]*, the practice of approaching the court under Article 226 or under Section 482

  Cr.P.C. when remedies are available under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ought to be discouraged.

Having regard to the aforesaid circumstances, I find no reason

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to exercise the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Accordingly, I dismiss this writ petition.

Sd/-BECHU KURIAN THOMAS, JUDGE

**RKM** 

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## APPENDIX OF WP(CRL.) 188/2023

### PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS :

| ExhibitP1  | THE TRUE COPY OF THE CONSENT LETTER WHICH |
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|            | IS FALSELY MADE BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT IN  |
|            | THE NAME OF THE PETITIONER TO THE         |
|            | THANNEERMUKKAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH DATED ON  |
|            | 29.06.2022                                |
| Exhibit P2 | THE TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER GIVEN BY      |
|            | THANNEERMUKKAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH TO        |
|            | PETITIONER DATED ON 11.07.2022            |
| ExhibitP3  | THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPLY LETTER         |
|            | SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER TO THE        |
|            | THANNEERMUKKAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH DATED     |
|            | 14.07.2022                                |
| Exhibit P4 | THE TRUE COPY OF THE COMPLAINT GIVEN BY   |
|            | THE PETITIONER TO THE 2ND RESPONDENT      |
|            | DATED 12.01.2023                          |