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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO. 340 OF 2024

A. SHANKAR @ SAVUKKU SHANKAR APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties, we dispose of the present writ petition with the following directions:

1. Investigation in Crime No. 123/2024 dated 03.05.2024 registered with the Cyber Crime Police Station, Coimbatore City, Tamil Nadu, for the offence(s) punishable under Section 509 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, read with Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 1998, and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, shall continue.

2. Investigation done in the following Crimes shall be transferred to the Cyber Crime Police Station, Coimbatore City, Tamil Nadu. The material and evidence collected during the investigation in the aforesaid Crimes will be examined by the Investigating Officer in Crime No. 123/2024.

- (i) Crime No. 21/2024 dated 03.05.2024 at
PS: CCD-III, Trichy City;
- (ii) Crime No. 12/2024 dated 04.05.2024 at
PS: Madurai Cyber Crime;
- (iii) Crime No. 22/2024 dated 06.05.2024
at PS: Dindugal Cyber Crime;
- (iv) Crime No. 22/2024 dated 06.05.2024 at
PS: Villupuram Cyber Crime;
- (v) Crime No. 15/2024 dated 06.05.2024 at
PS: Ranipet CCW;
- (vi) Crime No. 25/2024 dated 06.05.2024 at
PS: CCD-III, Trichy City;
- (vii) Crime No. 03/2024 dated 06.05.2024
at PS: Perambalur Cyber Crime;
- (viii) Crime No. 18/2024 dated 06.05.2024
at PS: Sivagangai District Cyber Crime;
- (ix) Crime No. 245/2024 dated 06.05.2024
at PS: Selaiyur Police Station, Tambram;
- (x) Crime No. 06/2024 dated 06.05.2024 at
PS: Salem City Cyber;
- (xi) Crime No. 155/2024 dated 07.05.2024
at PS: CCD-I, Chennai;
- (xii) Crime No. 02/2024 dated 07.05.2024
at PS: Nagapattinam District Cyber Crime;

(xiii) Crime No. 07/2024 dated 07.05.2024

at PS: Nilagiri District Cyber Crime;

(xiv) Crime No. 13/2024 at PS:

Kanniyakumari Dist., AWPS Marthandam; and

(xv) Crime No. 64/2024 at PS: Tirunelveli

Cyber Crime.

The investigation shall proceed expeditiously.

It is clarified that we have not commented on the merits of the allegations or the method and manner in which the investigation should be conducted. The chargesheet(s) or the closure reports, as the case may be, shall be filed as per law.

3. It is stated at the Bar that Crime No. 10/2024 dated 16.05.2024 registered with Police Station - Trichy, AWPS Cantonment, Tamil Nadu, does not relate to the incident in question, but to some other incident. Investigation in the said crime/FIR shall continue as per law.

The petitioner, A. Shankar @ Savukku Shankar, shall be mindful of the order passed by this Court on 11.11.2022 in Criminal Appeal No. 1845/2022. In case the petitioner, A. Shankar @ Savukku Shankar, commits breach of the said order, it is open to the respondents in the said case or any third party to move an appropriate application before this Court.

Recording the aforesaid, the writ petition is disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....CJI.
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 24, 2025.