

**S. KARTHIK GOPINATH,
KARTHIK NIVAS NO.37,
SAFI NAGAR, FIRST STREET,
IAF AVADI,
CHENNAI- 600 055.**

24th May 2022.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Commissionerate of Police, Avadi,
Avadi, Chennai- 600 054.

Respected Sir,

[Sub: Response to the summon issued by you on 21.05.2022]

I am Karthik Gopinath, aged 33, S/o. G.Sundaresan, currently residing at the above-mentioned address. I am shocked and surprised to receive a summon in respect of C.No.112/DC-CCB/COP PG/Camp/2022 from your good self- wherein you had instructed me to appear before you on 25.05.2022 at 11.A.M. I would have gladly done, had I not had a prior commitment and I am sending my friend and lawyer, Mr. Adith Narayan Vijayaraghavan and his junior Mr. Ajith Kumar. They will represent me. I am also under a handicap as I do not have a copy of the complaint alleged to have been lodged. If the complainant is Mr. Piyush, let me be clear I have not met him before nor has he contributed anything for the developmental cause. I think he is the very same person who had taken moneys from Pothys to enable them escape the cutting of the trees. He calls himself an activist and I understand, he has no useful work, except to live as a parasite and eke out a livelihood on blackmailing honest persons. Further, Mr. Piyush was also arrested for instigating enmity amongst groups.

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At the outset, I state that I have not been furnished with a copy of the complaint for me to provide my defenses along with the relevant documents. I have been kept in the dark as to the nature of the complaint, the details of the complainant and the basis on which the complaint has been issued against me. Thus, failure on your part to provide me with the said details amounts to the violation of natural justice. In any event, I am known in the society and I command a good reputation, a law-abiding citizen, a person with pristine record, and I have always been true to my conscience. Certainly, persons like Piyush would attempt to paint and tarnish the image as I support the ruling dispensation at the Centre without fear or favour. To put it straight, paid coolies are not desirable of having persons voicing the cause of the common man or the good work done by the Central Government. Piyush is no exception. Lesser said about him is better for him and at the appropriate stage, wherein I am advised to file a criminal complaint against the concerned, the records will be forthcoming.

AS far as the case on hand is concerned, I am a popular "YouTuber" with subscriber base of more than Two Lakh individuals. Owing to my honest and truthful presentation of facts to the general public through my YouTube Channel "Ilaya Bharatham", I have earned the mass and ire of a few political personalities and their stooges. Thus, there is a high possibility that one such person has lodged a frivolous complaint against me. A person who has not contributed a penny to the "Deity" can never be a complainant. Furthermore, the money was not paid to me, but is available in "Milaap Account", a third party account, that could be operated only at the instance of the beneficiary. I am not a beneficiary.

I deny all the allegations made against me in the summon. I reserve my right to provide a detailed written submissions to the allegations mentioned in the complaint, once it is provided to me. Without prejudice to same, I state that I have not utilized or withdrawn any funds collected from the public through the MILAAP website for the renovation and restoration of temples for my

personal use. These funds are only earmarked for restoration of Arulmigu Periyasamy, Chelliamman Vagayra and Sengamalayan Thirukoil at Siruvachur which is under the ambit of the HR&CE Department and another private Temple known as Periyandavar Temple at Siruvachur, which was damaged by miscreants. Thus, premise on which the complaint has been lodged against me is baseless and misleading and thus, your good self ought to have investigated the basis of the complaint before calling me for an enquiry. I have all records to establish that I have not touched a single penny from the website and I am awaiting the permission of the Hindu Religious and Endowment Department so as to transfer it for the purposes of the restoration. Further, I am also regularly updating the donors through the "Ilaya Bharatham" channel and the Milaap website, about the status of their contribution and as to how it is being utilized.

Thus, the criminal complaint was filed frivolously and with a *mala fide* motive of tarnishing my reputation and image. I sincerely request you to enquire into the complaint once again before summoning me for an enquiry. I also request you to provide me with a copy of the complaint filed against me in order to enable me to provide a proper response along with the necessary documentation. I am ready and willing to cooperate with your good self and thus, I sincerely request you and your subordinates not to harass me, by calling for an enquiry, when *prima facie* no case has been made against me. I also request you not to take any coercive steps pursuant to the complaint until a fair determination is made on the nature of complaint and if there is any material to establish a *prima facie* case against me.

Let me be clear and forthright in my opinion. The amounts are available in the third-party account. The ultimate beneficiaries are the temple and the artisans. More than examining me, it is the records that are relevant. I will provide with all the materials for your perusal on receipt of the copy of the complaint. Nothing stops me from producing it even now. I am confident on its production; you will close the case as "mistake of fact". But my right to

proceed against the criminals will be postponed. Being a student of law, I am keen on prosecuting the antisocial elements and I reiterate my request for the copy of the complaint.



Karthik Gopinath