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WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 18.04.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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K.K.Ramesh

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.Union of India
rep.by its Secretary
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawan, C-Wing
New Delhi-110 001
- 2.The State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by Principal Secretary
Health and Family Welfare
Secretariat, Chennai
- 3.The Director
Tamilnadu Public Health Department
Chennai
- 4.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34



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5.The District Collector
Madurai District
Madurai

6.The Commissioner
Madurai Corporation
Arignar Anna Maaligai
Madurai

7.The Commissioner of Police
Madurai City, Alagarkoil Road
Madurai

8.The Superintendent of Police
Madurai District, Alagarkovil Road
Madurai

9.The Joint Commissioner /
Executive Officer
Arulmighu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple
Madurai District

10.Executive Officer
Arulmighu Kallalagar Temple
Madurai District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the first respondent to instruct the respondents to:

(a) To disinfectants should be sprayed in places where people gather particularly in Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple and Alagarkovil Temple festival 2023.



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(b) To people who donate water, butter milk and Annathanam for the festival are advised to wear face shield and social distancing and hand glove

(c) To senior citizens above 60 years of age and those co-morbidities should avoid attending festival gathering and all devotees should be advised to wear masks and keep social distancing compagin should be done through T.V.Radio and police vehicle.

(d) By considering the petitioner's representation dated 13.04.2023 and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.K.Ramesh, Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.K.Govindarajan
Deputy Solicitor General of India for R1
Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R2, R3, R5, R7 & R8
Mr.P.Subbaraj
Special Government Pleader for R4
Mr.K.K.Kannan
Standing Counsel for R6
Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan for R9



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by R.SUBRAMANIAN, J.]

Prayer in this writ petition reads as follows:

“For all the reasons mentioned above, it is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS or any other appropriate Writ or Order or Direction or suggestion or observation or particularly in the nature of Writ Directing the 1st respondent to instruct the respondents to

(a) To Disinfectants should be sprayed in places where people gather particularly in Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple and Alagarkovil Temple festival 2023.

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2. It is for the Authorities to look into the grievance of the petitioner. We do not think that this Court can issue any direction regarding the finer details of the conduct of the festival, which is absolutely within the domain of the two temples involved and the District Administration. Hence, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

[R.S.M., J.]

[L.V.G., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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