



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.08.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.15084 of 2015 AND
M.P.(MD)No.1 of 2015

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
O/o.The Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.
3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
O/o.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ramnagar, Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.
4. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.
5. The Inspector of Police,
Taluk police station,
Devakottai Taluk,
Sivagangai District.
6. Rev. Mariya Asir,
Parish Priest,
St. Sahaya Matha temple,
Devakottai, Sivagangai District.



7. A.Rex

8. Y.Manickam

9. Sebasthiyan

10.S.Arockiyasamy

11.S.Sebasthiyan

12.S.Joseph

13.Arockiyasamy

14.Arul

15.Arul

16.Suvakkeen

17.S.Sebasthiyan

18.Arockiyaraj

19.T.Alosiyas

20.A.Sekar

21.P.Veneesh

22.A.Saminathan

23.Selvaraj

24.John

(R-7 to R-24 are impleaded vide order dated 11.07.2023
in W.M.P.(MD)No.2 of 2015)

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing



the respondent No. 1 to issue a direction, directing the respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to take necessary action against the respondent No.6, who is following Social Boycott and discrimination against the petitioner and his villagers in the name of Caste System and consequently direct the respondent Nos.1 to 5 to take necessary action to enable the petitioner and his villagers to have privileges and participation rights like other of Non-dalit Christians in St.Sahaya Matha Temple and its allied festivals situated at Devakottai, Sivagangai District.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Rajasekar

For R-1 to R-5 : Mr.N.Satheesh Kumar,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R-6 : Mr.T.Cibi Chakrabarthi

For R-7 to R-24 : Mr.K.N.Govardhanan,
for Mr.S.Poornachandran

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The writ petitioner is a permanent resident of Panipulanvayal Village, Devakottai Taluk, Sivagangai District.



The petitioner professes Christianity. His forefathers however belonged to SC community. The allegation of the petitioner is that the local church is indulging in caste discrimination. When the petitioner protested, he faced social boycott. That led to the filing of this writ petition.

3. This writ petition was filed in the year 2015. We are now in August 2023. I wanted to know if the petitioner is still facing any subsisting grievances. Thereupon, the petitioner's counsel filed the memo alleging that the Dalit Christians are facing discrimination in the matter of Baptism, collection of tax, announce Banns for marriage and first holy communion.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the church vehemently denied the the allegations. The categorical stand of the church is that they are ready to cater to the spiritual needs of persons irrespective of their background. There is no material placed before me to demonstrate that discriminatory practices are followed by the church.



5. Recording the stand of the learned counsel appearing for the church, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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