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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

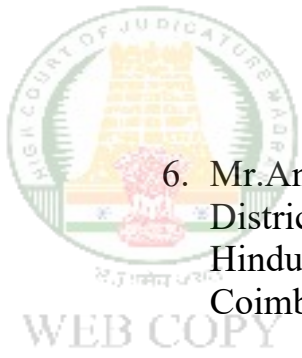
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S.Paul Reckland
Son of Late. Samuel
No. 11/126, Kumaran Nagar
Saradha Mill Road
Anbu Nagar, Podanur
Pin Code - 641 023
Coimbatore District.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector
Coimbatore
Coimbatore District.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Coimbatore (South)
Coimbatore District.
3. The Tahsildar
Madukarai Taluk
Coimbatore District.
4. The Inspector
D-3, Pothanur Police Station
Coimbatore District.
5. R. Nagarajan
Son of Ramasamy Naidu
No.126C3, Gurusamy Pillai Street
Kumaran Nagar, New Town
Podanur - 641 023
Coimbatore District.



6. Mr.Anand
District Secretary
Hindu Munnani
Coimbatore District.

..Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Prohibition to prohibit and restrain the respondents 5 and 6 or their men, family members, or members or anyone from in any manner restraining and/or in any manner preventing the petitioner from peacefully conducting the religious congregations or religious prayers in the residential premises of the petitioner situated at No. 11/126, Kumaran Nagar, Saradha Mill Road, Anbu Nagar. Podanur, Pin Code 641 023, Coimbatore District and pass orders,

For Petitioner:

Mr.D.Ashok Kumar
for Mr.S.Rajesh

For Respondents:

Mr.J.Ravindaran
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Ms.R.L.Karthika
Government Advocate for R1 to R3

Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R4

ORDER

The above writ petition has been filed for the following relief :

“To issue a Writ of Prohibition to prohibit and restrain the respondents 5 and 6 or their men, family members, or members or anyone from in any manner restraining and/or in any manner preventing the petitioner from peacefully conducting the religious congregations or



religious prayers in the residential premises of the petitioner situated at No. 11/126, Kumaran Nagar, Saradha Mill Road, Anbu Nagar. Podanur, Pin Code 641 023, Coimbatore District.”

2. The case of the petitioner is that his father had been conducting religious congregations and prayers in the subject property from the year 2010. The property of the 5th respondent is situated on the southern side of the petitioner's property. It is the case of the petitioner that the 5th respondent had filed a complaint before the 4th respondent alleging that the conduct of prayer in their property is causing disturbance and noise pollution to him. The complaint of the petitioner was forwarded to the 2nd respondent by the 4th respondent, pursuant to same, a peace committee meeting was convened and that the petitioner's father had participated in the said meeting on several occasions. In the meantime, the 5th respondent has also filed a civil suit in O.S.No.605 of 2021 on the file of Sub Court, Coimbatore, restraining the petitioner's family from conducting religious prayers. The petitioner would submit that his father had passed away on 15.08.2025 and now, he and his mother are attending the peace committee meeting regularly.

3.The petitioner would submit that necessary steps are being taken by him to obtain a 'No Objection Certificate' from the first respondent and



also to conduct the prayers in such a manner that it will not cause disturbance to his neighbours. The petitioner would submit that he had obtained 'No Objection' from his neighbours, however, the 5th and 6th respondents are deliberately precipitating the issue. The petitioner also undertakes to alter his building with glass panes and doors, in order to avoid emission of sound during prayer and congregation. Hence, he prays for an order of prohibition, restraining the respondents 5 and 6 from preventing him in conducting the prayer.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

5. In the light of the fact that the 5th respondent has already filed a suit against the petitioner's father and mother in O.S.No.695 of 2021 complaining about the conduct of prayer and congregations conducted by them, and the same is pending, the present writ petition cannot be maintained both on the ground that the matter is subjudice before the civil court and on the ground that order of injunction against private parties is sought for by couching the writ as one for prohibition.



6. Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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