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W.P.No.12967 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WP No.12967 of 2026
and WMP No.14177 of 2026

Chennai K.K.Nagar Residents
Welfare Association
Rep. by its General Secretary
G.Ravishankar, S/o.D.Ganapathy
AP.1734/New No.18, 102nd Street
14th Sector, K.K.Nagar
Chennai - 600078.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary
Home Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600009.
2. The Director General of Police
Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai - 600004.
3. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai Corporation
Veppery, Chennai - 600007.



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4. The Inspector of Police (L and O)
R-7, K.K.Nagar, Police Station
P.T.Rajendran Salai, K.K.Nagar
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Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to refrain from granting permissions to political parties and other organizations to hold public meetings in the midst of residential areas in Chennai.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Elango
for M/s.Krishna Law Associates

For Respondent(s): Mrs.E.Ranganayaki
Additional Government Pleader
for R1

Mr.E.Raj Thilak
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R2 to R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This petition, styled as public interest litigation, has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to refrain from granting permissions to political parties and other



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organizations to hold public meetings in the midst of residential areas in Chennai.

2. The entire case of the petitioner rests on a decision of a Division Bench of this Court dated 22.3.2019 in W.P.(MD) No.6850 of 2019, wherein directions were issued to the respondents not to permit any political parties to conduct meetings and rallies in street corners, roads, thoroughfares and near residential areas affecting free movement and peaceful living of the people.

3. It is not in dispute that pursuant to the directions recently issued by this Court in *Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, Rep by its Deputy General Secretary v. Director General of Police and others*¹, the State Government has framed a Standard Operating Procedure for conduct of political rallies and meetings across the State.

4. The petitioner is seeking an omnibus prayer, without specifically pointing out an instance where permission to conduct political meeting was granted in a residential area. If there is any violation of the Standing Operating Procedure or the provisions of the

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law governing the subject, it is for the petitioner to take it to the notice of the authorities concerned. In the absence of any concrete material pointing out any violation, no direction as prayed for can be issued.

The writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, interim application stands closed.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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