

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE THE AG.CHIEF JUSTICE MR.ASHOK BHUSHAN

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE A.M.SHAFFIQUE

THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015/7TH PHALGUNA, 1936

WP(C).No. 6067 of 2015 (G)

PETITIONER(S) :

HIGHRANGE ARTS & SPORTS CLUB AGED 73 YEARS
REG.NO.1-203/2011, VAZHATHOPE, IDUKKI COLONY P.O.
IDUKKI, REP. BY ITS PRESIDENT M.K.DEVASIA, S/O.KURIAN.

BY ADVS.SRI.V.R.KESAVA KAIMAL
SMT.C.DEVIKA RANI KAIMAL

RESPONDENT(S) :

1. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
CHERUTHONI POLICE STATION, IDUKKI DISTRICT -685 602.

2. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, THODUPUZHA
IDUKKIDISTRICT - 685 584.

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, THODUPUZHA
IDUKKI DISTRICT - 685 584.

4. THE STATE OF KERALA
REP. BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 001.

BY SR.GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.C.R.SYAMKUMAR

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
26-02-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S) ' EXHIBITS

EXT.P-1: TRUE COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE DATED 29.9.2011 ISSUED BY
THE

REGISTRAR OF THE SOCIETY.

EXT.P-1(A): TRUE COPY OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF EXT.P1

EXT.P-2: TRUE COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION ISSUED BY
KERALA

YOUTH WELFARE BOARD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DATED 18.9.2012

EXT.P-3: TRUE COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION ISSUED BY
NEHRU

YUVA KENDRA, IDUKKI DATED 19.10.2012

EXT.P-4: TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGEMENT DATED 22.9.2004 IN WPC
NO.27058/2004

RESPONDENT(S) ' EXHIBITS

NIL

/TRUE COPY/

PS TO JUDGE

ASHOK BHUSHAN, Ag.CJ & A.M.SHAFFIQUE, J

W.P(C).No.6067 of 2015

Dated this the 26th February, 2015

JUDGMENT

Shaffique, J.

The petitioner is an Arts and Sports Club. The petitioner has approached this Court alleging Police harassment. It is inter alia submitted that when the members of the Club play rummy in the Club, which is not a gambling, nor in violation of the provisions of the Gambling Act, the members of the Club are threatened by the Police that they will be prosecuted for non-bailable offences.

2. The averments in the Writ Petition do not disclose that there is any sort of harassment by the Police officers. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on a day-to-day basis the Police officers are coming to the Club and harassing the members. But there is no such allegation in the Writ Petition. That apart, the Police is entitled to verify

whether any gambling activities are being carried on in the Club.

3. Under such circumstances, we do not think that there is any police harassment. If at all there is police action in excess of what is required, it is always open for the petitioner to file appropriate complaint before the competent authorities.

With the above observation, the Writ Petition is closed.

**ASHOK BHUSHAN
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**A.M.SHAFFIQUE
JUDGE**

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