

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE THOTTATHIL B.RADHAKRISHNAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE ANU SIVARAMAN

MONDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015/9TH AGRAHAYANA, 1937Q

WP(C).No. 36159 of 2015 (T)

PETITIONER(S):

B.RADHAKRISHNAN,
S/o.BALASUBRAMANYAN PILLAI,
AGED 53,
PANDHALMAMCHUVADU, EAST GATE, VAIKOM.

BY ADVS.SRI.R.LAKSHMI NARAYAN
SMT.R.RANJINI
SRI.M.ASHOK KINI

RESPONDENT(S):

1. TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
OFFICE OF THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
NANTHANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 003.
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
2. THE DEVAWOM COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD OFFICE,
OFFICE OF THE TDB, NANTHANCODE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM- 695 003.
3. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
VAIKOM GROUP, VAIKOM - 686 141.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, VAIKOM MAHADEVA TEMPLE,
VAIKOM - 686 141.
5. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM MARAMATH WING,
KOTTAYAM DIVISION, KOTTAYAM - 686 001.
6. SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, KOTTAYAM - 686 001.
7. CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, VAIKOM - 686 141.

R BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER
R BY SRI.S.RAJ MOHAN
R BY SRI.M.V.S.NAMBOOTHIRI, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOA

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
30-11-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS:

- EXT.P1: COPY OF REPRESENTATION DATED 25.11.2015 SUBMITTED BY
THE PETITIONER AND SOME DEVOTEES.
- EXT.P2: COPY OF THE SKETCH.
- EXT.P3: COPY OF THE SKETCH.
- EXT.P4: COPY OF THE SKETCH.

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS - NIL

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**THOTTATHIL B.RADHAKRISHNAN &
ANU SIVARAMAN, JJ.**

W.P.C.No.36159 of 2015

Dated this the 30th day of November, 2015

J U D G M E N T

Thottathil B.Radhakrishnan, J.

We have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Advocate Commissioner who is handling the affairs in connection with different matters touching the Vaikom Mahadeva Temple including the Vaikathashtami Darshan which is due to start at 4.30 a.m. on 3.12.2015. The previous night has different other rituals including Vilakku. The petitioner points out that the queue system which was in place during the previous years was wholly unmanageable and, therefore, there must be a new system in place. He has placed his views in the form of a sketch. The petitioner lives in the neighbourhood of the temple. He says that he is a frequenter to that temple. If that were so, wisdom should have dawned on him to come to this Court sufficiently early even if the

Travancore Devaswom Board authorities are not considering any alternatives. At this distance of time, we do not think that any direction can be issued as sought for. The learned Advocate Commissioner who is present says that necessary steps have been taken for proper crowd management.

We record the submission and direct the Superintendent of Police having jurisdiction over Vaikom area to ensure that adequate police support is given for the smooth Vaikathashtami Darshan. The petitioner's suggestions may be a matter for consideration by the Travancore Devaswom Board and the Advocate Commissioner for future years. We leave open that issue and order the writ petition accordingly.

Sd/-
(THOTTATHIL B.RADHAKRISHNAN, JUDGE)

Sd/-
(ANU SIVARAMAN, JUDGE)

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