

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 11.01.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

W.P. No.844 of 2016
& W.M.P.No.665 of 2016

Rajini Manoj

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Erode Town,
Erode District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Town Police Station,
Erode.

.. Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents or their men, agents from interfering with the peaceful conduct of business in the name of "SREESAID AYURVEDIC CLINIC & SPA", at Old No.47, New No.77, State Bank Road, Erode.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Veerapandian
For Respondents : Mr.A.Kumar
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

By consent, the Writ Petition is take up for final disposal.

2.The petitioner claims that she is carrying on business in the name and style of "SREESAID AYURVEDIC CLINIC & SPA", at Old No.47, New No.77, State Bank Road, Erode, for the past one year and in her massage parlour she is following the Kerala Traditional Treatment viz., Ayurveda massage, which cures many illness in the body including the nervous disorder. The petitioner would further claim that there is no law regulating this kind of business and no licence is required from the respondent police in terms of the Chennai City Police Act. The petitioner would state that there are qualified and trained therapist available and without any rhyme or reason, the second respondent police has interfered with her business activities under the guise of conducting raid. In this regard, the petitioner sent a representation dated 20.12.2015, and in spite

of receipt of the same, interference continues and hence, the petitioner has come forward with this Writ Petition.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner on instructions would submit that no illegal or unlawful activities take place while conducting business activities and therefore the second respondent cannot interfere with the business activities. The learned counsel also draw the attention of this Court to the order dated 24.03.2015 made in W.P.No.8204 of 2015, wherein, this Court has taken into consideration the common order dated 09.12.2014 made in W.P.Nos.24629 of 2014 etc. batch (Masti Health and Beauty Private Limited Vs. Commissioner of Police, Chennai reported in 2015 1 MLJ 308) and prays for similar orders.

4.Heard the submissions of Mr.V.Veerapandian, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.A.Kumar, learned Additional Government Pleader accepts notice for the respondents.

5.It is relevant to extract paragraph 67 of the order in Masti Health and Beauty Private limited case (cited supra), which reads as follows:

"67. In the light of the above, all the writ petitions are disposed of to the following effect :

(i) The respondents shall not, as a matter of routine and without any basis, conduct any raids and interfere with the business carried on by the petitioners;

(ii) In specific cases where the police have reasonable grounds to believe that an offence punishable under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act has been or is being committed, it is open to the police to take action, after scrupulously following all the steps indicated in Section 15 of the said Act. The steps to be followed are narrated by me in paragraph 28 above; and

(iii) Based upon the laws enacted in various States of the United States of America and Singapore, which I have dealt with in paragraphs 39 to 54, the respondents may take appropriate steps for bringing in either a new 43 legislation or a subordinate legislation in terms of the provisions of the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act or the Chennai City Police Act, so that

public order, decency and morality, which can form the basis for a regulatory law under Article 19(2) of The Constitution, are taken care of. The Government shall file a report on or before 31.3.2015, before this Court, about the decision taken. No costs. Consequently, all connected pending MPs are closed."

6. In the light of the said order, the Writ Petition is disposed of and the respondents are directed to comply with the directions / conditions imposed in paragraph 67 of the said order as extracted above. It is also made clear that the petitioner under the guise of carrying on business activity shall not indulge in any unlawful or illegal activities detrimental to law and order or public order. The Writ Petition stands disposed of accordingly. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. No costs.

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s/d-
Assistant Registrar (CS-IV)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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