



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 24.07.2017

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**THE HONOURABLE MS.INDIRA BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA**

W.P.[MD].No.13664 of 2017

T.John Bosco : Petitioner
Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

2.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Kulasekaram Post,
Kanyakumari District.

3.D.Leela. : Respondents

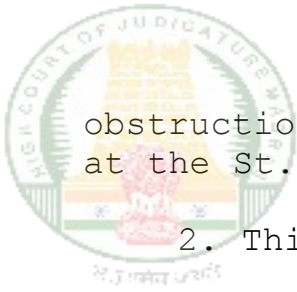
PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to consider the objections given by the petitioner dated 05.07.2017 before granting any permission or police protection for the temple festival conducted by the third respondent house on 24.07.2017 and 25.07.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr. C.Joseph Sathianeson
For Respondents 1&2 : Mr.M.Govindan,
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble Chief Justice.]

On the face of the averments, it appears that the third respondent has started a temple in her own land, which is near a Church. India is a secular country. Equal respect for all religions is a basic feature of our Constitution. Christians, Hindus, Mohammedans or persons of any other religious groups have a fundamental right to profess, practise and propagate religion. In the absence of contravention of public order, morality or health or of any law, it is not for the Courts to interfere with any kind of religious practice. Needles to mention that nobody should be obstructed from going to St.John's CSI Church or for any other Church for prayers. It is, of course, not the case of the petitioner that there is any deliberate



obstruction or impediment caused to the Christians who go to pray at the St.John's CSI Church.

2. This Writ Petition is dismissed. No Costs.

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Assistant Registrar(CS-II)

Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

1.The Superintendent of Police,
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Kanyakumari District.

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+One cc to Mr.C.Joseph Sathianeson, Advocate, SR.No.67710

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ORDER MADE IN

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