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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : 28.08.2018
CORAM :
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.(MD).No.22976 of 2017
and
W.M.P.(MD).No.19303 of 2017

P.Solaidass

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
District Collector Office,
Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
District Police Office,
Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvidaimaruthur Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

Prayer: This Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondent No.3 from interfering with the petitioner's right of worship, profess and practice his religious faith of Christianity by way of prayer meetings in the Prayer House in the name of the Church of Pentecost (India) situated in Survey Nos.7/6A, 7/7, Door No.48/49, S.S.Nagar, Thiagarajapuram, Narasinganpettai, Thiruvidaimaruthur Taluk, Thanjavur District.

For Petitioner

: Mr.M.Maran

For Respondents

: Mr.B.Bhagawathi

Government Advocate

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to forbear the respondents from interfering with the petitioner's right to conduct prayer meetings in the Prayer House at a Church situated at Narasinganpettai Village.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner has a right to conduct the prayer meeting in the Prayer House and it is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents would submit that a complaint was received in this regard by the third respondent and C.S.R. is pending in C.S.R.No.314



of 2017. The third respondent immediately on receipt of the said complaint made a representation to the Sub Collector, Kumbakonam Division, to call the parties and conduct the Peace Meeting. This request was made by the third respondent by his letter dated 10.10.2017. However, till date no Peace Committee Meeting has been conducted by the Sub Collector.

4. In view of the above, there shall be a direction to the Sub Collector, Kumbakonam Division, Kumbakonam to call the parties and hold the Peace Committee Meeting in terms of requisition made by the third respondent, by his letter dated 10.10.2017. The Sub Collector, Kumbakonam Division is further directed to arrive at a decision after the Peace Committee Meeting within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-IV)

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4. The Sub Collector, Kumbakonam Division,
Kumbakonam.

+1CC to Mr.M.Maran, Advocate, SR.No.80801

+1CC to the Special Government Pleader SR.No. 81306

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