



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
Special Original Jurisdiction
Tuesday, the Fourth day of August Two Thousand and Twenty
PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.SATHYANARAYANAN
AND

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice P.RAJAMANICKAM
WP(MD). No.7517 of 2020

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... Petitioner

Vs

1 The Principal Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare (P-1)Department.
Secretariat, Chennai -9

2 The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai -9

3 The Collector,
Dindigul District, Dindigul.

4 The Tahsildar,
Vedachandur Taluk, Dindigul District.

5 The Superintendent of Police,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

... Respondents

Prayer :-

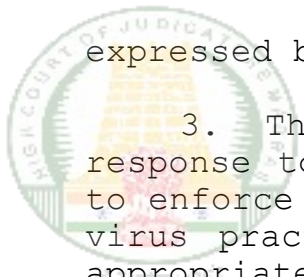
This Petition is filed Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of Certiorari to call for the records pertaining to the G.O.Ms.No.262 dated 31.05.2020 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same in so far clause IV (v) permitting the restaurants to function dine-in facility with 50 percentage of seating capacity.

ORDER:- This Petition coming on for orders on this day and upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Mr.T.Leninkumar, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Mr.Aayiram K Selvakumar, Additional Government Pleader for the respondents, this Court made the following order:

(Order of the Court was made by M.SATHYANARAYANAN,J.)

The status report, as directed by this Court, has been filed by the third respondent.

2. It is also brought to the notice of this Court by Mr.Aayiram K.Selvakumar, learned Additional Government Pleader, appearing for the official respondents that the lock down with some limited activities has been extended till 31.08.2020 and the Restaurants are permitted to function by strictly adhering to COVID-19 pandemic virus Standard Operating Procedure and therefore, the apprehension



expressed by the petitioner has been answered.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, in response to the said submission, would submit that it is difficult to enforce Standard Operating Procedure to control COVID-19 pandemic virus practically and hence, this Court is to interfere and pass appropriate orders.

4. With regard to abate the fast spread of COVID-19 pandemic virus, Standard Operating Procedure is already put in place by the State Government and it also includes maintenance of social distance etc., Therefore, no further orders are necessary in this Writ Petition.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

Note: In view of the present lock down owing to COVID-19 pandemic, a web copy of the order may be utilized for official purposes, but ensuring that the copy of the order that is presented is the correct copy, shall be the responsibility of the advocate/litigant concerned.

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The Section Officer, Writ Section,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai
+1cc to The Special Government Pleader, Sr.No.13739

ORDER DATED : 04/08/2020

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Giving direction and etc.
as stated within.