



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.09.2020

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

and

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.RAJAMANICKAM

W.P.(MD)No.11900 of 2020

and W.M.P.(MD)Nos.10292 & 10293 of 2020

(Through Video conferencing)

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Hindu Dharma Parishad
Rep. By K.K.Ramesh
Managing Trustee
No.26A, Old Mahalipatti Road
Madurai - 625 001.

...Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The Union of India
Rep. by its Home Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block
New Delhi - 110 001.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to
Chief Minister
Chief Minister Office, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009.

...Respondents

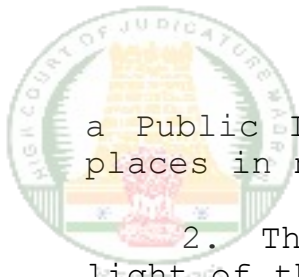
Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying to issue a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the 2nd respondent impugned order S.K.No.081 dated 31.05.2020 quash the same and direct the 2nd respondent as per the order of 1st respondent No.40-3/2020 DM-I(A) dated 30.05.2020 to reopen the religious places in non-affected Covid-19 virus Districts.

For Petitioner	: Mr.K.K.Ramesh-Party-in-Person
For Respondents	: Mr.R.Murugappan, Sr. Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1 Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss, Special Govt. Pleader for R2

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by **M.SATHYANARAYANAN, J.,**]

The petitioner, by means of Deed of Declaration of Trust, registered as document No.101/2019 on the file of the joint sub-registrar, Madurai, came forward to file this writ petition styled as



a Public Interest Litigation praying for opening of all religious places in non-affected COVID -19 Districts.

2. The petitioner/party-in-person would submit that in the light of the subsequent development by permitting for opening of all religious places for worship nothing remains for further adjudication in this writ petition.

3. This Court heard the submission of Mr.R.Murugappan, learned Senior Central Government Standing Counsel for the first respondent and Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the second respondent.

4. It is brought to the knowledge of this Court that, as on date, all religious places for worship have been allowed to open, subject to COVID-19 protocol in the form of wearing of mask and maintaining social distance and therefore, nothing remains for further adjudication in this writ petition.

Therefore, this writ petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CSII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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New Delhi - 110 001.

2.The Principal Secretary to
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The State of Tamil Nadu
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Chennai - 600 009.

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