

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.05.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SETHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

W.P.No.11674 of 2021

K.Devamani

... Petitioner

vs

1 Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary to Health
Health Department O/o. The Chief Secretariat
Goubert Avenue Pondicherry 605 001

2 The Excise Commissioner
Excise Department Thattanchavady
Puducherry 605 006

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to temporarily ban the sale of liquor, cigarettes and tobacco of any form within the territories of Puducherry till the COVID- 19 comes down by considering the petitioners representation dated 01.05.2021 given to the respondents.

For Petitioner : No appearance

For Respondents: Mrs.N.Mala,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This is a public interest litigation seeking a direction on the State to temporarily ban the sale of liquor, cigarettes and tobacco of all forms within the territories of Puducherry till the Covid-19 situation is controlled.

2. It appears that in course of the lockdown, which is strictly enforced, liquor shops are closed and, if at all, open at specific times. The decision to completely stop the sale of liquor or tobacco is a matter of policy. It will be open to the

Union Territory to consider whether it would be in public interest to prohibit altogether the sale of liquor, cigarettes and other forms of tobacco till the Covid-19 situation has been brought under control.

3. W.P.No.11674 of 2021 is disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

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Assistant Registrar(VO)

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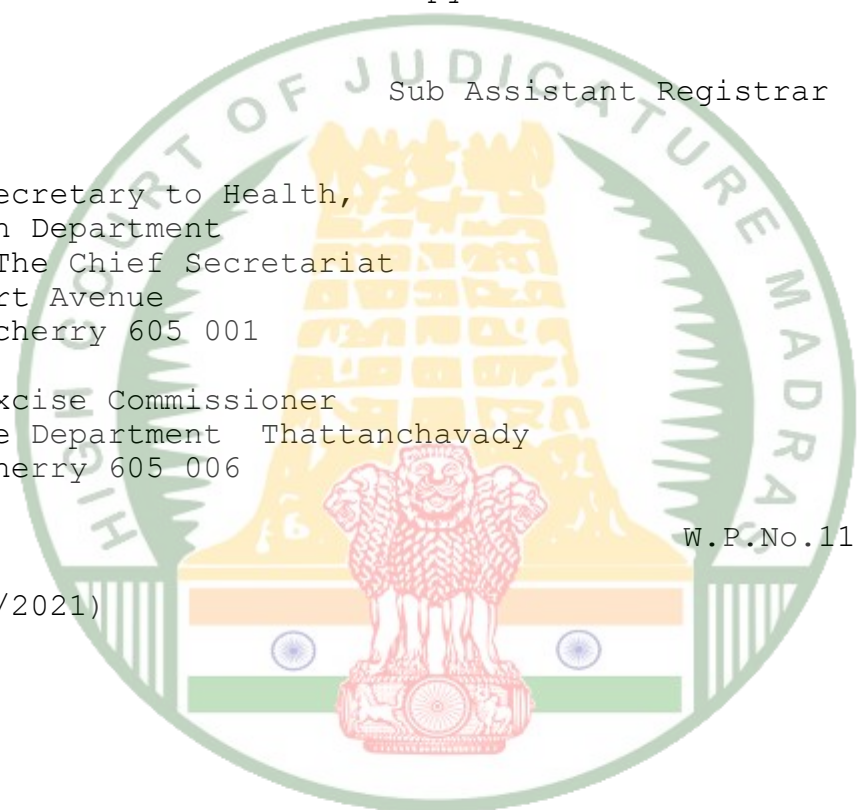
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To:

- 1 The Secretary to Health,
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