



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.12.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN

W.P(MD)No.2148 of 2019

Kathiravan Recreation Club,
Rep. by its Secretary,
No.2389, Kumuli Main Road,
Lower Camp,
Koodalur Post,
Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Theni District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District,
Theni.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Koodalur Police Station,
Koodalur,
Theni District.

... Respondents

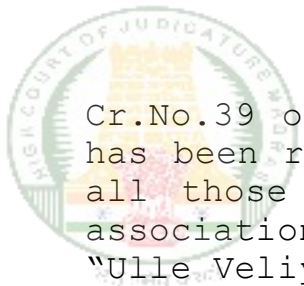
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from interfering with the lawful activity of playing "Rummy" (13 cards) by the members of the petitioner association.

For Petitioner	: Mr.S.Prasanth
For Respondents	: Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar
	Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

One Mr.Kathiravan, claiming himself as a Secretary of the Recreation Club registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Rules, 1978, is before this Court seeking mandamus to forbear the respondents from interfering into the lawful activities of playing "Rummy" (13 cards) by its members.

2. The first respondent has filed a detailed counter, wherein, he has stated that on receipt of secret information, the police team raided the premises of the petitioner's association on 25.03.2018 at 18.00 hours and found 14 persons all from Kerala playing "Ulle Veliye" a gambling game. Therefore, they all were arrested and Rs.1,46,325/- was seized from them. The case in



Cr.No.39 of 2018 under Sections 8 & 9 of Tamil Nadu Gambling Act has been registered against them. On enquiry, it also found that all those arrested persons are not members of the petitioner's association and they have gathered at the Club premises to play "Ulle Veliye" an act of Gambling.

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3. This Court finds that the petitioner to get a legal cover for the illegal activity has approached this Court by making innocuous prayer as if the Recreation Club in which he is Secretary carrying on lawful activity. While the fact discloses that the petitioner's association permitting the non-members to play gambling.

4. In view of the above, this writ petition is dismissed with a cost of Rs.5,000/- to the petitioner payable to the Legal Services Authority within a period of four weeks from today. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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