



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.04.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE**

W.P.[MD]No.8707 of 2022

A.Simson

... Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The Secretary to Government,
Home (cts IV) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

2.The District Collector,
Kanyakumari District, At Nagercoil.

3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Padmanabhapuram,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to issue licence to the petitioner for the purpose of solemnization of marriage among Christian community under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, within a reasonable time period to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.S.M.Anantha Murugan For Ms.R.Jenifer Bibin
For Respondents	: Mr.D.Sasikumar, Additional Government Pleader.

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus, seeking for a direction to the respondents to issue licence to the petitioner for the purpose of solemnization of marriage among Christian community under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2.According to the petitioner, he had applied for licence for solemnization of the Christian Marriages as per the provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, and he claims to be a priest. It is also the contention of the petitioner that all the formalities have been duly complied with by the respondents. But, no final orders have been passed till date granting licence to the petitioner. In such circumstances, he has filed this writ petition.



3. Heard Mr.S.M.Anantha Murugan, learned Counsel for the writ petitioner and Mr.D.Sasikumar, learned Additional Government Pleader, who accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

4.No prejudice would be caused to the respondents, if a direction is issued by this Court to the second respondent to pass final orders on the petitioner's representation dated 13.01.2022 seeking for grant of licence in his favour for the purpose of solemnization of Christian Marriages as per the provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

5.For the foregoing reasons, this Court directs the second respondent to pass final orders on the petitioner's representation dated 13.01.2022 seeking for grant of licence in his favour for the purpose of solemnization of Christian Marriages as per the provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Writs)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.R.JENIFAR BIBIN, Advocate (SR-22900[F] dated 29/04/2022)

+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-23307[F] dated 04/05/2022)

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