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W.P.(MD)NO.28496 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.12.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.28496 of 2022 and
W.M.P.(MD)Nos.22501 , 22502 & 22504 of 2022

A.Karuppaiah

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Tahsildar,
Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District.
2. The Deputy Tahsildar,
Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District.
3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District.
4. The Village Administrative Officer,
Office of the Village Administrative Officer,
Sundarajapuram Village,
Rajapalayam Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
5. The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Seithur Rural Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
6. P.Kamaraj
7. K.Murugesan

... Respondents



Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the impugned peace committee proceedings of the 1st respondent herein in his proceedings in Na.Ka.Aa1/10553/2022 dated 30.11.2022 and quash the same as illegal and without jurisdiction.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Siva

For R-1, R-2 & R-4 : Mr.G.Suriyananth,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R-3 & R-5 : Mr.B.Thanga Aravindh,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side).

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1, 2 and 4 and the learned Government Advocate appearing for respondents 3 and 5.

2. Considering the nature of relief to be granted, issuance of notice to respondents 6 and 7 is dispensed with.



3. The petitioner challenges the decision taken in the peace committee meeting on 30.11.2022.

4. It has been held time and again that decision taken in a Peace Committee Meeting is not having any statutory value or legal consequence. Therefore, it is not amenable to challenge under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. However, I make it clear that it would not be open to the official respondents herein or the police authorities to enforce the decision taken in the impugned peace committee meeting.

5. Liberty is given to the petitioner to file a fresh writ petition for opening the temple in question. With this observation and liberty, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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