



W.P(MD)No.11895 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.05.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE **T.V.THAMILSELVI**

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and

WMP(MD) No.10325 of 2023

M/s.Meraki Unisex Salon and Spa Centre,
Represented by its Proprietor
S.Praveenkumar,
S/o. Sivakumar,
Carrying Business at
No.3/30, D.Vaigai Complex,
Sivagangai Main Road,
Karuppayurani,
Madurai District- 625 020.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Survey Colony,
Madurai District – 625 007.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Karuppayurani Police Station,
Madurai District- 625 020.

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.05.2023 and forbearing the respondents 1 and 2 or their men, agents from interfering with the peaceful conduct of business i.e. cross massage in the name and style of “M/s.Meraki Unisex



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Salon And Spa” at No.3/30D, Vaigai Complex, Sivagangai Main Road, Karuppayurani, Madurai, Madurai District – 625 020.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Jagadeesan
For Respondents : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.05.2023 and forbearing the respondents 1 and 2 or their men, agents from interfering with the peaceful conduct of business i.e. cross massage in the name and style of “M/s.Meraki Unisex Salon And Spa” at No.3/30D, Vaigai Complex, Sivagangai Main Road, Karuppayurani, Madurai, Madurai District.

2. According to the petitioner, he is carrying on business i.e., cross massage therapies, in which cures many illness in the body including the nervous disorder in a slow phase process in the name and style of “M/s.Meraki Unisex Salon And Spa” at No.3/30D, Vaigai Complex, Sivagangai Main Road, Karuppayurani, Madurai District without giving room to any sorts of complaint or whatsoever. The



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petitioner business is also assessed to professional tax whereas, the respondents have frequently come and interfering with the business of the petitioner's Saloon and Spa Center and thereby, causing hardship to the customers for their service. In order to prevent hardship, the petitioner has come forward with the present writ petition.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents would submit that the respondents are not interfering with the business activities of the petitioner.

4. This Court, in similar circumstances, following the ratio laid down by this Court in the judgment reported in **2015(1) MLJ 308 [Masti Health and Beauty Private limited & Others V. The Commissioner of Police, Chennai City]**, disposed of the Writ Petition in W.P.No.9380 of 2016, by order dated 14.03.2016, by directing the respondents police to comply with the directions/conditions imposed in paragraph 67 of the order in the judgment reported in 2015(1) MLJ 308 (cited supra) and further made it clear that the petitioner therein under the guise of carrying on business activity shall not indulge in any unlawful or illegal activities detrimental to law and order or public order.



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5. Since the issue involved in the present Writ Petition is identical to the issue involved in W.P.No.9380 of 2016, it is relevant to extract para 67 of the order passed in 2015(1) MLJ 308 (cited supra), which reads as follows:

“67. In the light of the above, all the writ petitions are disposed of to the following effect :

(i) The respondents shall not, as a matter of routine and without any basis, conduct any raids and interfere with the business carried on by the petitioners;

(ii) In specific cases where the police have reasonable grounds to believe that an offence punishable under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act has been or is being committed, it is open to the police to take action, after scrupulously following all the steps indicated in Section 15 of the said Act. The steps to be followed are narrated by me in paragraph 28 above; and

(iii) Based upon the laws enacted in various States of the United States of America and Singapore, which I have dealt with in paragraphs 39 to 54, the respondents may take appropriate steps for bringing in either a new



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legislation or a subordinate legislation in terms of the provisions of the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act or the Chennai City Police Act, so that public order, decency and morality, which can form the basis for a regulatory law under Article 19(2) of The Constitution, are taken care of. The Government shall file a report on or before 31.3.2015, before this Court, about the decision taken. No costs. Consequently, all connected pending MPs are closed. “

6. In the light of the said order, the Writ Petition is disposed of, by directing the respondents to comply with the directions imposed in para 67 of the order as extracted above. It is also made clear that the petitioner under the guise of carrying on business activity shall not indulge in any unlawful or illegal activities detrimental to law and order or public order. At any violation, Police is at liberty to act as per law. No costs. Consequently, connected Writ Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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