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CrI.O.P.No.3161 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CrI.O.P.No.3161 of 2024

R.James Paul

S/o.Late G.Rathinaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. By

The Inspector of Police (L & O),
K 8 Arumbakkam Police Station,
Arumbakkam, Chennai.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying to give police protection to the petitioner and his family members to enter in the Church premises viz., “Glory Cathedral Anglican Church of India” situated at No.F-206, M.M.D.A. Colony, Arumbakkam, Chennai – 600 106 for safe worship on the occasion of “ASH WEDNESDAY” which is to be held on 14.02.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Chandrasekaran

For Respondent : Mr.A.Damodaran

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking for police protection in order to enable the petitioner and his family members to enter the Church premises.



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2. Heard Mr.K.P.Chandrasekaran, learned counsel for petitioner and Mr.A.Damodaran, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent.

3. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there is a civil dispute pending between the parties. Therefore, the representation of the petitioner was not acted upon.

4. In the considered view of this Court, the dispute between the parties is purely civil in nature and the police should not interfere with the civil dispute. In such circumstances, the relief sought for in the present petition cannot be granted.

Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Speaking Order/Non-speaking Order

Index : Yes/No

Neutral citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Inspector of Police (L & O),
K 8 Arumbakkam Police Station,
Arumbakkam, Chennai.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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