



W.P(MD)No.5759 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 08.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.5759 of 2024

and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.5436, 5453 and 5455 of 2024

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
O/o.District Collector,
Sivagangai District.
- 2.The District Collector,
O/o.District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Thirupuvanam,
Sivagangai District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Kariyapatti Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Palayanur Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
- 6.The Inspector of Police,
Aviyur Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.



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7.M.Ramu

... Respondents

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Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining the Impugned order of the 3rd respondent dated 06.03.2024 and impugned order of the 4th respondent in Na.Ka.No.A1/999/2024 dated 26.02.2024 and quash the same and subsequently directing the respondent to allow the petitioner and village people to conduct Maasi Kalari Siva Rathiri Festival which is scheduled to be held on 08.03.2024 to 10.03.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramsundarvijayaraj

For Respondents : Mr.M.Lingadurai,
Spl. Government Pleader for R1 to R4.
Mr.Albert James,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R5 & R6.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the writ petitioner, the learned Special Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 4 and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondents 5 and 6. Issuance of notice to the seventh respondent is dispensed with.



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2.The petitioner challenges the proceedings dated 26.02.2024 and 06.03.2024. Both of them are only peace committee meeting proceedings. I have been consistently holding that peace committee meeting decisions do not have any statutory backing and no legal consequence can flow therefrom. It is not amenable to challenge in the writ jurisdiction.

3.The impugned proceedings are set aside insofar as they restrained the conduct of the petition mentioned Maha Shivaratri festival. The petitioner and the seventh respondent are having rival claims on several aspects. They are not gone into in the writ petition. The only relief given is that the revenue authorities cannot restrain the conduct of the petition mentioned Maha Shivaratri festival. This writ petition is partly allowed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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