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WP No. 28098 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 28098 of 2025

and

W.M.P Nos.31512 & 44518 of 2025

Dharmapuri Nagara Kaalani
Virpanaiyalargal Sangam
Rep by its President
Mr.S.A. Azimullah, Having Office at
No.5, Annadurai Road, Near A.V.
Theatre, Dharmapuri -636 701.

Petitioner(s)

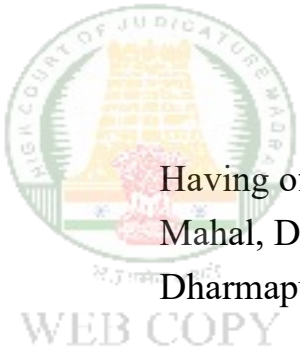
Vs

1. The District Collector
Dharmapuri District.

2.The Tahsildar
Dharmapuri District.

3.The Commissioner
Dharmapuri Municipality
Dharmapuri District.

4.The Marriage Hall Owners
Association



Having office at Ambika Vaaniyar
Mahal, Dharmapuri Bus Stand,
Dharmapuri

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1 to 3 respondents to take appropriate action against the 4th respondent under Section 10(ii) of the Tamilnadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 and consequently forbearing the 4th respondent association from using the Marriage Hall for the purpose of sale of goods through unauthorised traders.

For Petitioner(s): S. Thiruvengadam

For Respondent(s): Mrs.S.Anitha, Special
Government Pleader for R1 and
R2.
Mr.M.S.Premkumar Standing
Counsel for R3
Mr.Arun Anbumani for
Vanniyar Hall

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed, directing the 1 to 3 respondents to take appropriate action against the 4th respondent under Section 10(ii) of the Tamilnadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 and consequently, forbearing the 4th respondent association from using the Marriage Hall for the purpose of sale of goods through unauthorised traders.



2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the President of the “Dharmapuri Nagara Kaalani Virpanaiyalargal Sangam” which is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 bearing Registration Old No.259/2001 and New No.49/2016. The association has more than 60 members in the business of footwear for past 50 years in Dharmapuri District. Some of the members own the premises in which they carry on their business, while others conduct their business in rented buildings. All the members of the association duly pay taxes, duties, wages and they also maintain the necessary registers and records of the trade as per legal requirements. However, the marriage halls under the 4th respondent's association are being rented out to random, temporary, on-the-fly, small vendors who carry out sales of dresses, footwear and other fancy items by putting temporary shops without obtaining proper permission from the 3rd respondent. These vendors are not paying taxes to the Government and the activities are not in accordance with section 4(3) the Tamilnadu shops and Establishments Act, 1947. Furthermore, all the public buildings in the district have been rented to these unauthorised



traders which is in violation of Section 10(ii) of the Tamilnadu Public Buildings (Licensed) Act, 1956. Further, the owners of the Marriage Halls have been granted licenses only to use the buildings for public meetings, celebrating marriage functions or for holding parties. However, contrary to the license conditions, the marriage halls have been let out on rent to unauthorised traders, who are permitted to put up stalls without obtaining the required permission. When similar circumstances prevailed in Namakkal District, in order to curb and restrict such improper and illegal sales taking place in marriage halls and other public places, the Commissioner of Municipality of Namakkal District passed an order on 16.10.2015, directing all the marriage hall owners not to rent out the premises for temporary shops. Further, this Court by its order dated 29.10.2015, passed in W.P No.34582/2015, directed the respondents to strictly adhere to the order passed by the Municipal Commissioner. The petitioner also made a representation for Halls Owners Association in Dharmapuri and also sent representations to the 1 to 3 respondents on 16.10.2024 and 17.10.2024 , but for the reason best known they have not initiated any action upon such improper Trade practices prevailing in the district. Hence the present writ



petition has been filed.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the 4th respondent would submit that the address shown as that of the 4th respondent in fact belongs to the petitioner. He would further submit that no such *Sangam*, as alleged by the petitioner, exists at the said address, and that no foot wear exhibition has been conducted at the address of the 4th respondent as on date.

4. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is closed, granting liberty to the petitioner to ascertain whether the *Sangam* exists and whether any exhibition has been conducted, and thereafter to make an appropriate application before the law enforcing agency seeking suitable relief. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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