



W.P.(MD)No.749 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10.01.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

and

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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1.M.Kannan

2.Mohammed Mytheen Abbas Manthiri

3.K.Vasudeva Kumaran

4.Vignesh

: Petitioners

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
O/o. The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai District,
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3.The Superintendent of Police,

O/o. the Superintendent of Police,

Madurai District,

Madurai.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to issue special pass to the petitioners who are running You Tube broadcasting channels granting access to the media gallery allotted within the Jallikattu area to place their recording equipment, enabling them to record and live telecast the Jallikattu event in their YouTube Channels and other Social Media platforms, which is held during the festive month of January on various occasions as similarly granted to other medial channels, FM Radio broadcasting services within a time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.Niranjana S.Kumar

For Respondent No.1 : Mr.S.Shaji Bino

Special Government Pleader

For Respondents 2 & 3 : Mr.P.Kottaisamy,

Government Advocate [Crl. Side]



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by **M.S.RAMESH, J.**]

By consent of both sides, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the respondents to issue special pass to the petitioners who are running YouTube broadcasting channels granting access to the media gallery allotted within the Jallikattu area to place their recording equipment, enabling them to record and live telecast the Jallikattu event in their YouTube Channels and other Social Media platforms, which is held during the festive month of January on various occasions as similarly granted to other medial channels, FM Radio broadcasting services within a time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

3.The petitioners herein had given representation to the respondents on 16.12.2024, in this regard. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.



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4.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

5.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioners' representation dated 16.12.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of three [3] days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondents to consider the same on its own merits.



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6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[M.S.R.,J.] & [A.D.M.C.,J.]

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