



W.P.(MD) No.22716 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 03.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

**W.P.(MD) No.22716 of 2019
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.19461 of 2019**

John Kennedy

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The District Collector
Kanyakumari District
at Nagercoil

2.The Block Development Officer
Killiyur
Kanyakumari District

3.The Tahsildar
Killiyur Taluk
Kanyakumari District

4.The Inspector of Police
Karungal Police Station
Kanyakumari District

5.Maria Nelson

6.Lawrance

7.Thanislas

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondents from granting permission to the respondents 5 to 7 for conducting convention meeting or any other religious activities in Survey No.543 of Paloor Village, Killiyoor Taluk, Kanyakumari District, except under the due process of law.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Sasikumar

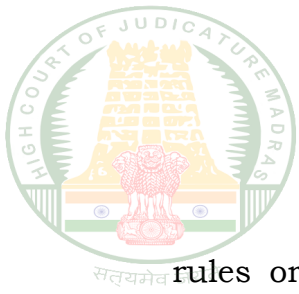
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R3
Mr.S.Ravi
Additional Public Prosecutor for R4
Mr.A.Balakrishnan for R5 to R7

ORDER

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that public religious activities are performed by the respondents 5 to 7 in the subject place, without obtaining any permission from the competent authorities.

2. Religious activities must be done with the permission of the District Collector. Even for construction of religious buildings, such permission is required under the provisions of the Act. Any violation in this regard is actionable. Thus, the respondents 1 to 4 are directed to conduct an enquiry and if any such religious activities are conducted in violation of the



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rules or any buildings are constructed without permission, all appropriate actions are to be initiated by following the procedures as contemplated under law.

3. At this juncture, learned counsel appearing for the respondents 5 to 7 submitted that it is a private family affair and not a public affair.

4. However, the said submission is to be verified by the authority concerned.

5. With the above observation, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[S.M.S., J.]

[S.S.Y., J.]

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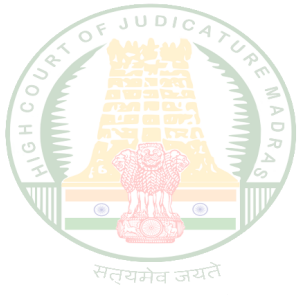
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