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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

W.M.P.No.42324 of 2026
in W.P.No.35015 of 2026

The Salem Club
Rep. by its, Secretary,
D.Ajeeth Vikram,
No.1, Saradha College Road,
Hasthampatty, Salem-636007

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
   Home Prohibition and Excise Department,
   Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

2. The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department,
   Ezhilagam, Chepauk,
   Chennai-600 005.

..Respondent(s)

To amend the prayer in writ petition in WP.No. 35015 of 2026 as Calling for the records pertaining to the impugned letter of the 2nd respondent in Lr.No.P and E 2(4) / 4214/ 2026 dated 09.07.2026 and the notification in G.O.Ms. No.38/ 25.06.2026 w.e.f. 01.04.2026 which has brought about an amendment Rule 17, in Sub Rule (b) in clause II of Tamil Nadu Liquor Licence and Permit Rules, 1981 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to fix the licence and privilege fee based on the number of number of members in the club and not on the basis of population in the locality and not to treat the petitioner club on par with the local bar or Manamazhil Mandram INSTEAD OF Calling for the records pertaining to the impugned letter of the 2nd respondent in Lr.No.P and E 2(4) / 4214/ 2026 dated 09.07.2026 based on

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the notification in G.O.Ms. No.38/ 25.06.2026 w.e.f. 01.04.2026 which has brought about an amendment Rule 17, in Sub Rule (b) in clause II of Tamil Nadu Liquor Licence and Permit Rules, 1981 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to fix the licence and privilege fee based on the number of number of members in the club and not on the basis of population in the locality and not to treat the petitioner club on par with the local bar or Manamazhil Mandram

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.J.Ravindran, Senior Counsel for Mr.A.Selvendran
For Respondent(s):	Mr.T.Gowthaman Additional Advocate General assisted by Mr.B.Prasanth Nadaraj Government Advocate

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking to amend the prayer in the Writ Petition in W.P.No.35015 of 2026.

2.Heard both sides.

3.Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents has no serious objections in allowing this petition.

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4.Being satisfied with the reasons stated in the affidavit filed in support of this petition and the submissions made by the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, this petition is ordered as prayed for.

5.Registry is directed to carry out necessary amendments.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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2.The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department,
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