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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P.Crl.No. 2883 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA012582402026}
and
W.P.M.P.CRL.No.1055 of 2026

M/s.Theanchittu Institute of Climate literacy
and Outreach
Represented by its Founder,
M.Pradeep Kumar,
Having its registered office at
No.3/256, Nagamanaickenpatti Post,
Vellakovil, Tiruppur District – 638 111.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner of Police
   O/o.The Commissioner of Police,
   Coimbatore City, Coimbatore District.

2. The Assistant Commissioner of Police
   O/o.The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
   Coimbatore City, Coimbatore District.

3. The Inspector of Police
   Rathinapuri Police Station,
   Coimbatore District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the order in C.No.182/INSPR/C4 L&O PS/HUNGER STRIKE/CBECITY/ 2026 dated 09.10.2026 passed by the respondent No.3 and consequently direct the respondent No.3 to grant permission to the petitioner to conduct one day hunger strike at designated places fixed by respondent No.3 on 31.10.2026

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based on the petitioner's representation dated 18.10.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Bharanidharan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The petitioner is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). The members of the NGO are creating awareness programme about the environmental damage that takes place on account of the reckless living of humans. It has been regularly conducting programmes titled "Silent Saturday". The petitioner claims that over 1,45,000 students are participating in its programmes.

2. Being concerned about climate change and increase in temperature, the petitioner came up with a programme titled "Extended Producers Responsibility". It proposed to conduct a Satyagraha fast at Sivananda Colony, Coimbatore, on 10.10.2026. That was rejected on the ground that conducting a demonstration in the area would lead to traffic congestion and nuisance to public movement. Accepting the reasons given by the third respondent, the petitioner sought permission to conduct a fast on 31.10.2026 at the venue prescribed by the respondent police. As that too was not favorably considered, the petitioner is before this Court.

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3. Heard Mr.S.Bharanidharan for the petitioner and Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar for the respondents.

4. Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar states that the petitioner has not been clear as to the number of participants who would be participating in the fast, and therefore, the respondents could not consider the plea of the petitioner. He states that the petitioner has approached this Court at the last moment. Therefore, it is not possible to permit hunger strike to be conducted tomorrow (31.10.2026).

5. Mr.S.Bharanidharan reports that he has been instructed that the petitioner seeks permission to conduct the hunger strike either on 14.11.2026 or 21.11.2026. He adds that about one hundred persons would participate in the hunger strike.

6. Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar states that, such being the situation, if the number of participants is restricted to one hundred, the hunger strike can take place in Sivananda Colony, Coimbatore, itself.

7. In the light of the submissions made by both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of in the following terms:

(i) The respondent police shall pass an order permitting the petitioner to

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conduct a hunger strike, highlighting the damage to the environment and the increase in climatic temperature by 1.5 degrees, on 21.11.2026, at Sivananda Colony, Coimbatore, from 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m.

(ii) The number of participants shall not exceed one hundred.

(iii) No political or religious slogans must be raised by the participants.

(iv) The hunger strike must be confined only to the environmental issues that the NGO claims to espouse.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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