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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **02.03.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

W.P.(MD)No.5707 of 2026

Muralidharan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collectorate,
Thanjavur District.

2.The Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Ltd.,
(TASMAC),
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus restraining the respondents from opening or permitting the opening of a TASMAC (Elite Bar) at Plot Nos. 17 and 8, Ward No.1, Block No.81, TS Nos. 2967/1 and 2963/1 within Thanjavur Municipal Corporation limits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arivazhagan
For Respondents : Mr.D.Sasikumar (R1)
Additional Government Pleader
Mr.H.Arumugam (R2)
Standing Counsel



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The petitioner seeks for a writ of mandamus restraining the respondents from permitting or opening a TASMAL (Elite Bar) at Plot Nos.17 and 8, Ward No.1, Block No.81, TS Nos. 2967/1 and 2963/1 within Thanjavur Municipal Corporation limits.

2.It is the grievance of the petitioner that the respondents are trying to open the TASMAL elite bar in close proximity to the Educational Institution, place of worship as well as residential area.

3.Whereas, the learned counsel for the respondent would submit that the proposed TASMAL is situated nearly one kilometer away from the restricted area.

4.Merely on the basis of the allegation of the petitioner that the proposed TASMAL is within the vicinity of restricted area, we are of the view that a positive direction as sought for by the petitioner cannot be



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granted. It is for the competent authorities to take into consideration the proximity of the educational institution and other relevant aspects, and thereafter take an appropriate decision in accordance with law.

5. With the above observation, this writ petition is disposed of.

No costs.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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