

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Present:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.RAVIKUMAR

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN

Friday, the 5th day of March 2021/14th Phalguna, 1942

SSCR No.3/2021

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD - SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT - SM.NO.3/2021 - THE VIRTUAL QUEUE SYSTEM IN PLACE AT SABARIMALA SREE DHARMASHASTHA TEMPLE LIMITING ENTRY OF PILGRIMS RESULTS IN UNDER UTILIZATION OF THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF 5000 PILGRIMS PER DAY CAUSING LOSS OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEVOTEES YEARNING TO UNDERTAKE PILGRIMAGE - SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS INITIATED - REG.

PETITIONER :

SUO MOTU

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
2. STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

*ADDL. R3 IMPEADED

3. THE STATE POLICE CHIEF

*IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDITIONAL 3RD RESPONDENT AS PER ORDER DATED 05/03/2021 IN SSCR 3/2021.

BY SRI.G.BIJU, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD.

BY THE GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the respondent 2 & 3.

The SSCR 3/2021 having come up for orders on 05/03/2021 upon perusing the

petition, the court on the same day passed the following.

C.T.RAVIKUMAR & MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN, JJ.

SSCR No.3 of 2021

Dated this the 5th day of March 2021

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ORDER

Ravikumar, J.

S.M.Report No.3/2021 of the Sabarimala Special Commissioner led to the registration of the captioned SSCR. The report is to the effect that owing to the adoption of virtual queue system for Sabarimala pilgrimage, there occurs under utilization of permitted number of 5000 pilgrims in the sense that even after the booking the entire slots, only half the allottees are turning up for Darshan. The fact is that the 5000 virtual queue slots are being booked within hours of the opening of the site. The virtual queue slots are done through the web site www.Sabarimalaonline.org which is an initiative of Kerala Police. Taking note of the nature of the issues, the Additional third respondent viz., the State Police Chief or any officer specifically authorised by him shall file an affidavit as to whether the aforementioned situation occurs due to any deceitful action from the part of anyone and whether it is possible for any agency to make an enmasse registration with a view to have wrongful gain. The matter of concern is that owing to some such unfortunate reasons, the genuine devotees are being deprived of opportunities to have Darshan. After bestowing proper attention to the issues and problem, an affidavit on the aforesaid aspects shall be filed on or before 12.3.2021.

Post on 12.3.2021.

C.T.RAVIKUMAR, JUDGE

MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN, JUDGE

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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