

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE P.NAVEEN RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.23744 of 2020

Date:24.12.2020

Between:

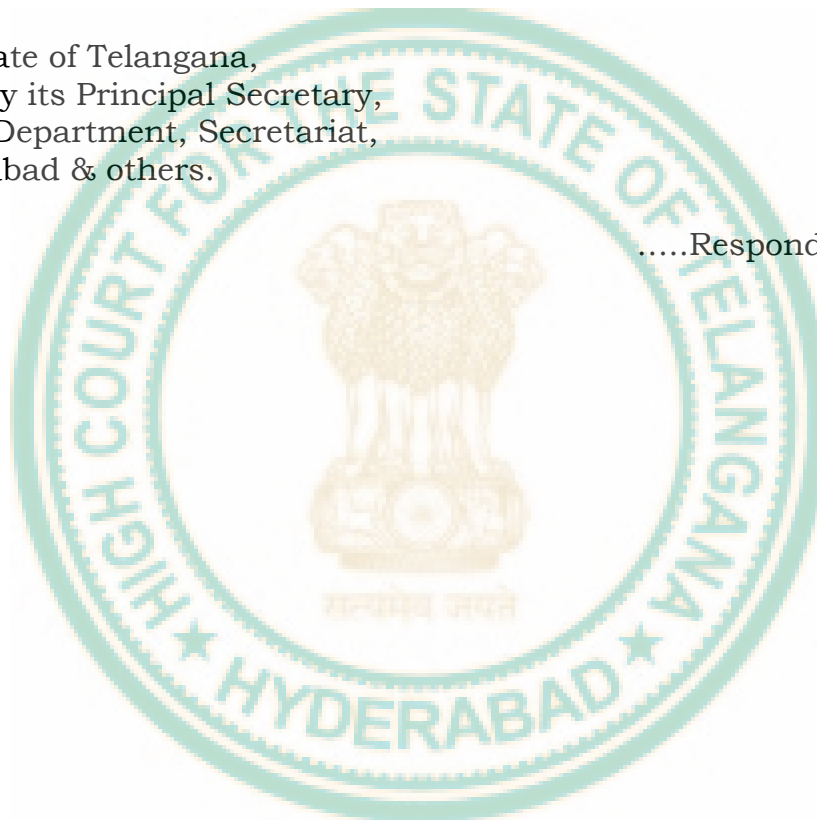
Agape Full Gospel Ministries,
Rep., by its General Secretary,
Y.Abbulu S/o.Venkanna,
Aged about 50 yrs, Occu : Secretary,
R/o.LIG 86/3rd Phase,
KPHB Colony, Hyderabad.

.....Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep., by its Principal Secretary,
Home Department, Secretariat,
Hyderabad & others.

.....Respondents



The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home.

2. This writ petition is filed alleging that the 2nd respondent is not allowing the petitioner to perform prayers in the premises claimed to be in its possession. According to petitioner, Church was established in Sy.No.334 of Nizampet Village, Qutbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. A big hall was constructed as a prayer hall and the entire area in occupation of the petitioner was bounded by compound wall. Petitioner conducts worship for Christian community and various social service activities for all the people irrespective of caste and religion. Petitioner now alleges that though there is no complaint from the revenue authorities and they are conducting proceedings in peaceful manner, the 2nd respondent is interfering and obstructing from carrying on the activities by the petitioner. Such interference at this stage before the Christmas would be amounting to obstructing the activities relating to the Christmas and affecting the sentiments of the people belonging to the Christian community.

3. On instructions, learned Assistant Government Pleader, submits that so far no crime is registered against the petitioner and there was never an occasion for the police to involve in internal affairs of the petitioner or obstruct various activities stated to have been conducted by it and police will not involve as long as the activities are permissible, the proceedings are conducted peacefully and petitioner do not create any law and order problem.

4. Even according to the material placed on record, there appears to be some kind of dispute with reference to occupation and constructions made and earlier the revenue authorities have taken action against the petitioner. But as fairly submitted by learned Assistant Government Pleader, so far no crime is registered. Therefore, the question of police involving in the affairs of petitioner or obstructing from carrying out various programmes by the petitioner, more particularly having regard to the Christmas scheduled on 25.12.2020, the writ petition itself is misconceived and it is only pre-emptive from police interfering, if any crime is reported.

5. Be that as it may, as long as no crime is reported, the respondent-Police are directed not to involve or obstruct from carrying on activities by the petitioner. However, having regard to present pandemic, petitioner is also mandated to follow strictly the norms and guidelines stipulated by the Government with reference to conducting of meetings and it is always open to the police to take action, if those guidelines or instructions with reference to the present pandemic are violated. Petitioner is directed to video record the proceedings showing that the proceedings are conducted in full compliance of the guidelines and instructions issued by the Government with reference to the present pandemic, shall preserve and make available to police whenever required by them.

6. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

P.NAVEEN RAO,J

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