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CNR: KAHC010765852026

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WP No. 34591 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 34591 OF 2026 (LB-BMP)

BETWEEN:

SANTOSH A
S/O ARMUGAM (LATE)
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
R/AT 19/1, 1ST CROSS,
PRAKASHNAGAR,
2ND MAIN ROAD, SRIRAMPURAM POST,
BENGALURU-560021.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MANOJ KUMAR V..,ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

1. ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
B.B.M.P, NOW GBA,
SRI. RAMAMANDIRA SUB DIVISION,
BENGALURU WEST,
OFFICE AT NO.4, 1ST FLOOR,
SIR. M. VISHWESHWARAIAH
COMMERCIAL COMPLEX,
RAJAJINAGAR, BENGALURU-560010.
(REPRESENTED BY H.C.G.P).

2. COMMISSIONER OF GBA, (B.B.M.P)
WEST ZONE

JOINT COMMISSIONER BUILDING
OPPOSITE TO MANTRI MALL,
SAMPIGE ROAD,
MALLESHWARAM,
BENGALURU 560003.
(REPRESENTED BY H.C.G.P).

3. CHIEF COMMMISSIONER OF GBA (B.B.M.P)
CORPORATION HEAD OFFICE,
HUDSON CIRCLE,
N.R. SQUARE, OPP TO
HALSURU GATE POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU 560002.
(REPRESENTED BY H.C.G.P).

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.PAWAN KUMAR., ADVOCATE)

THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE R-1, 2 AND 3 TO ALLOW THE PETITIONER TO ORGANIZE THE CRICKET TOURNAMENT ON 05.11.2026 AND 06.11.2026; DIRECT THE R-1, 2 AND 3 TO RESTRAIN OTHER MERCHANTS TO INSTALL THE STALLS TO SELL THE FIR CRACKERS FOR DIWALI FESTIVAL UNTIL ON 05.11.2026 AND 06.11.2026.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

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ORAL ORDER

The petitioner has made a brave request for permission to organize a cricket event [*a Tournament*] with participants from across the State and his decision is rather vindicated with the first respondent permitting the Tournament to be held at "*Sri Rama Mandira Playground*", Rajajinagar ["*Maidan*"] on 05.11.2026 and 06.11.2026. The petitioner has remitted the prescribed fee and secured other approvals and permissions. However, before the Tournament is concluded, the first respondent has served the petitioner with the Endorsement dated 03.11.2026 [*Annexure-C*] withdrawing the permission, and this constitutes the cause for the present petition.

2. Sri. Manoj Kumar V, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the first respondent is arbitrary in issuing the impugned Endorsement

dated 03.11.2026 and in serving the same on the petitioner when the Tournament was underway on 05.11.2026. The learned counsel, imploring this Court not to prioritize arbitrariness over an opportunity to the keen participants from the State in the Tournament, submits that this Court could consider directing the first respondent, notwithstanding the impugned Endorsement, to permit the petitioner to hold the Tournament today and tomorrow, with the petitioner undertaking to ensure that he will hand over the Maidan to the first respondent at the scheduled hour.

3. Sri Pawan Kumar, a learned Standing Counsel for the respondents, submits that the first respondent's decision to withdraw the permission is because ***[a]*** the petitioner wanted an extension to have the use of the *Maidan* even on 07.11.2026 and ***[b]*** in terms of the SOP issued by the office of the Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority, the

Maidan will have to be handed over on 07.11.2026 to those who will have to install their stalls for sale of firecrackers. The learned Standing Counsel emphasizes that the SOP was not issued on 29.10.2026 when permission was granted.

4. In response, Sri Manoj Kumar V is categorical in stating that ***[a]*** all the arrangements, including the arrangements to continue the Tournament through the night today [06.11.2026] and until 10pm in the evening tomorrow [07.11.2026], are made, ***[b]*** the arrangements made include the necessary Flood Light Arrangement, ***[c]*** the petitioner would undoubtedly conclude the Tournament by 10pm in the evening tomorrow [07.11.2026] and leave the Flood Light arrangement to continue so that the first respondent could, after 10pm in the evening, permit the firecracker vendors to enter the Maidan and make arrangements for installation of their stalls.

5. These circumstances are considered, and this Court must observe that the first respondent could have been more reasonable in handling the situation presented, with the office of the Commissioner publishing SOP for sale of firecrackers and the petitioner's request, even if there was one. The first respondent's failure to be reasonable has presented the petitioner, who was in the midst of the Tournament, to call off the same and knock this Court's doors.

6. This Court is essentially called upon to decide on whether it should be cricket or crackers because of the first respondent's failure to be more reasonable; and this Court opines that both could be, if the first respondent is reasonable and the petitioner adheres to the statements made before this Court viz., the Tournament would be completed by 10pm tomorrow [07.11.2026] and the Flood Light

arrangement put in place would be continued at his cost, to be until the early hours of 08.11.2026. This Court has taken note of the petitioner's case that he has got participants from all over Karnataka and was in the midst of the tournament. Hence the following,

ORDER

The petition stands disposed of directing the first respondent, notwithstanding the Endorsement dated 03.11.2026, to permit the petitioner to continue with the Tournament till 10pm on 07.11.2026 subject to the following conditions:

[A] The petitioner shall ensure that the *Tournament* is over before 10pm on 07.11.2026.

[B] The petitioner shall ensure that the Floodlight arrangement in the *Maidan,* if the Tournament is continued on

07.11.2026 is continued at his cost till the early hours of 08.11.2026.

[C] The first respondent shall not insist on any further payments from the petitioner and the petitioner shall be entitled to commence the event from this moment without waiting for the orders of this Court.

Sd/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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