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NC: 2026:KHC:56707
WP No. 31477 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 31477 OF 2026 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. DASARA DASHAMANTAPA SAMITHI
SRI KARAVALE BHAGAVATHI
MAHISHA MARDINI TEMPLE
K BADAGA, MADIKERI 571201
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT
SRI PANDIRA T POONACHA
S/O LATE THAMANNA
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SRINIVAS V.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY
VIDHANA SOUDHA
BANGALORE
2. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
KODAGU DISTRICT
MADIKERI 571201
3. THE SUPER INTENDENT OF POLICE
KODAGU DISTRICT
MADIKERI 571201
4. THE KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION





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CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL OFFICE
NEAR OMKARESHWARA TEMPLE
MADIKERI, KODAGU DISTRICT
MADIKERI 57201

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAHUL CARIAPPA KS, AGA FOR R1 TO R3
SRI. MAHESH CHOWDARY, ADVOCATE FOR R4
SRI. ANTONY IGNATIUS M J, IMPEADING APPLICANT ON IA
1/2026)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE
RESPONDENT TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION GIVEN BY
THE PETITIONER ANNEX-A TO A12 RESPECTIVELY AND
CONSEQUENTLY TO ACCORD PERMISSION TO USE DJ SOUND
MODULATOR (SOUND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT/
LOUDSPEAKERS PUBLIC- ADDRESS SYSTEMS AND SOUND
PRODUCING INSTRUMENTS) IN DASARA FESTIVAL TO BE HELD
ON 21.10.2026 FROM 5 PM TO 22.10.2026 4 PM.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking for the following
reliefs:

*"a) Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other writ of like
nature and direct the respondents to consider the
representations given by the petitioner Annexure A to A12
respectively and consequently to accord permission to use
DJ Sound Modulator ("sound amplification
equipment/loudspeakers, public-address systems and*

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*sound-producing instruments") in Dasara Festival to be held on 21/10/2026 from 5 PM., to 22/10/2026 4 PM and
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b) Grant any other remedy that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case."*

2. The petitioner has made an application dated 22.09.2026 to the second respondent - Deputy Commissioner as well as the third respondent - Superintendent of Police as well as other concerned authorities seeking for permission to participate in the Dasara celebrations which is scheduled to be held between 21.10.2026 to 22.10.2026 to be held by using "sound amplification equipment/loudspeakers, public-address systems and sound-producing instruments".

3. Learned Advocate General appearing on behalf of the State submits that the applications made by the petitioners would be adequately considered by the concerned authorities in accordance with law.

4. At this stage various impleading applicants/intervenors seek to submit that the request of the petitioners ought not to be acceded to by the authorities since the same

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would result in noise pollution. Various judgments are sought to be relied upon in support of the said contention.

5. Having regard to the factual matrix of the matter since the concerned authorities have not yet considered the representations/applications of the petitioner, it is expedient that the impleading applicants/intervenors also be permitted to file their objections to the applications filed by the petitioner before the concerned authorities.

6. Accordingly, objections of the impleading applicants/intervenors to the application of the petitioner, if any, to be filed before the concerned authorities on or before the end of the working hours of 12.10.2026.

7. The concerned authorities shall consider the application of the petitioner together with the objections made in that regard and take a decision on or before 15.10.2026.

8. The result of the said consideration shall also be intimated to the petitioners as well as intervenors.

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9. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

10. This order shall be communicated to the concerned authorities by the learned AGA.

11. This order shall be uploaded online and the concerned authorities shall act on the same upon production of a copy of the uploaded order, which could be verified by the QR Code forthcoming in the order.

12. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

13. Pending IAs., if any, stand disposed of.

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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