

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No: Compt/Uplok/Mys-808/2016/DRE-4

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Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bengaluru, Dated:01/03/2018

REPORT u/Sec. 12(1) OF KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT 1984

Sub: In the matter of complaint of Sri.Srinivasan.N,  
Sannidi Paricaharakaru, Sri Chamundeswari  
Temple, Residing at No. 202, 2nd Floor, Misty  
Woords Apartment, K.C. Layout, Mysuru - reg.

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Investigation under Sec.9 of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act was taken up on the basis of the complaint filed by Sri.Srinivasan.N, Sannidi Paricaharakaru, Sri Chamundeswari Temple, Residing at No. 202, 2nd Floor, Misty Woords Apartment, K.C. Layout, Mysuru (hereinafter referred to as `complainant' - for short) against Sri.Prasad - Executive Officer, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Mysuru (hereinafter referred to as `respondent', for short), alleging dereliction of duty.

2. The complainant has alleged that his uncle of the complainant Sri K.V. Ramanathan was appointed as cook of Sri Chamundeshwari temple, Mysuru on 25/09/1989. He was performing his duties promptly. However, due to illness, he could not perform the duty. Therefore, he has submitted application to the

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Executive Officer of the temple for appointment of his sister's son by name Sri S. Ajay as his substitute/proxy. Executive Officer by an order dated 21/08/2007 permitted Sri K.V. Ramanathan to appoint said Sri S. Ajay as his proxy. Sri S. Ajay was discharging the duties without any remarks. Sri K.V. Ramanathan was paid salary till September 2014. Thereafter, salary was not disbursed to him. A show-cause notice dated 03/01/2015 was served on him by the Executive Officer calling upon the explanation for the absent from the duty and he was asked to show-cause why should not be removed from the service. The said action of the Executive Officer is contrary to the previous order. The complainant contended that the post to held by Sri K.V. Ramanathan is hereditary in nature. No one can be posted nor recruited to the said post. Requesting probe into the issue, the present complaint is filed.

3. Upon notice, the respondent filed comments contending that there is no provision under the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Rules, 2002 to nominate a proxy by the temple servants, who remains unauthorized absent. A temple servant can nominate a proxy only during the authorized leave availed by him. Sri K.V. Ramanathan remained unauthorized absent from 01/12/2013. There is no provision to make payment of wages to a proxy of unauthorized absent temple servant. Therefore, the respondent prayed for closure of complaint.

4. Report from the Commissioner for Endowments was called for with regard to the scheme under which Sri Chamundeshwari Temple staffs and

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Archakas are functioning in the temple. A specific report has been called in respect of Archakas and others who stated to have been holding hereditary post. Accordingly, Endowment Commissioner submitted report dated:28/08/17. Since the hearing Archakas, Parupathyagars, Sripadas and other sevakas felt necessary, hearing was fixed at Chamundi Hills, Mysuru on 24/02/2018. Undersigned held hearing in Sri Chamundeshwari temple premises, during which the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, Endowment Commissioner, Bengaluru, Executive Officer of the temple (respondent) and the employees (indoor and outdoor) including the Agamik and Priests of the temple were present.

5. During the course of hearing the respondent of the temple explained in detail about the number of employees (indoor and outdoor) of the temple. He has stated that the temple is required to open between 4.30 A.M. and 5.30 A.M. (*Brahmi Muhurtham*). However, no one is supervising the timing of opening of temple between the specified hours; as a result there is variation of time in opening of the temple.

6. The respondent further stated that there is no notified area as temple property. No master plan is prepared for the temple area. According to Gram Panchayath records, temple lies within the panchayath administration and except temple (structure) no other properties are shown as temple properties or temple area, on account of the fact that other than the temple, the remaining

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area is under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat. It is difficult to regulate the devotees and remove the unauthorized shop etc.

7. During the course of hearing, Agama Pandit, Office of Commissioner for Endowments, Bengaluru explained about the rituals that would be performed in the temple as per Shaivagamana shastra (Saivite agamas). He has submitted his opinion report, which is extracted hereunder,

“ಶೈವಾಗಮ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ರೀತಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪೂಜಾ ವಿಧಿಗಳ ವಿವರ -

- 1) ಅಲಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶ:- ಆಚಾರ್ಯರು (ಆಗಮಿಕರು, ತಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರ್ಚಕರು, ಸಹ ಅರ್ಚಕರು) ಇರುವರು ಪ್ರಾತಃ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಎದ್ದು ದೇವರಸ್ತಂಭದೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಿತ್ಯಕರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಿ ಸ್ನಾನಾಧಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ, ಮಡಿ ವಸ್ತ್ರ ಧರಿಸಿ, ಭಸ್ಮ ಧಾರಣೆ, ರುದ್ರಾಕ್ಷಿ ಧಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆ ಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಬಳಿ ಬಂದು ಕೈ ಕಾಲು ತೊಳೆದು ದ್ವಜಸ್ತಂಭದ ಬಳಿ ಬಂದು ವಿಮಾನ ಗೋಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ನಮಸ್ಕರಿಸಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಪಾಲಕರಾದ ಭೈರವೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಯನ್ನು ದೇವರ ನಿತ್ಯ ಪೂಜೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಧ್ವಾರಪಾಲಕರನ್ನು ನಮಸ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ನಿತ್ಯ ಪೂಜೆಗೆ ಅನುಜ್ಞೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೊರ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಸಹಾಯಕರಿಂದ ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಿಸಬೇಕು, ಇದಾದ ನಂತರ ಬಾಗಿಲನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಬೇಕು. ಆದರೆ ಗರ್ಭಗೃಹವನ್ನು ಅರ್ಚಕರೇ ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಶ್ರೀ ಸಾಮಿ ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವಿಯವರನ್ನು ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾ ಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ನಿತ್ಯ ಪೂಜಾ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಲು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಗಳವಾದ್ಯ, ವೇದ ಘೋಷ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಗಳ ಸೇವೆ ಆಗಬೇಕು.
- 2) ಆಗ್ನೋದಕ ಕ್ರಮ (ದೇವರ ಅಭಿಷೇಕಕ್ಕೆ ಗಂಗೆ ತರುವುದು):- ದೇವರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು (ಗಂಗಾಜಲ) ಆಗ್ನೋದಕವನ್ನು ತರಲು ಆಚಾರ್ಯರು, ಅರ್ಚಕರು, ಸಹಾಯಕರು ಅಥವಾ ಪರಿಚಾರಕರು, ವೇದ ಪಾರಾಯಣದವರು ಭತ್ತಿ, ಚಾಮರ, ಲಾಂಚನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಮಂಗಳವಾದ್ಯಗಳ ಸಮೇತವಾಗಿ ಕೆರೆ, ಬಾವಿ, ನದಿ, ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಿ ಬಳಿಗೆ ತೆರಳಬೇಕು ತದನಂತರ ಅರ್ಚಕರು 1, 2, 5, 9 ಕುಂಭ (ಬಿಂದಿಗೆ) ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ (ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ, ಚಿನ್ನ, ತಾಮ್ರ, ಹಿತ್ತಳೆ, ಬಿಂದಿಗೆಗಳು) ನೀರನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಸಪ್ತ ನದಿಗಳ ಜಲವೆಂದು (ಗಂಗಾ, ಯಮುನಾ ಮುಂತಾದ) ಭಾವಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಪೋಷಣೀಪಾಚಾರಗಳಿಂದ ಪೂಜಿಸಿ ಧೂಪ, ದೀಪ, ನೈವೇದ್ಯ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು. ಕುಂಭ (ಬಿಂದಿಗೆ)ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಭುಜದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅನೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಗಳವಾದ್ಯ ವೇದ ಘೋಷ, ಶಂಖ,

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ಜಾಗಟೆ ಶಬ್ದ, ಛತ್ರಿ, ಚಾಮರ ಬಿರುದಾಂಕಿತಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗ್ನೋದಕವನ್ನು ತರಬೇಕು.

3) ಅಭಿಷೇಕದ ಕ್ರಮ:- ಅಭಿಷೇಕದ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದವು 1) ಪಂಚಾಮೃತ, 2) ರುದ್ರಾಭಿಷೇಕ ಹಾಲು, ಮೊಸರು, ತುಪ್ಪ, ಜೇನು, ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಮುಂತಾದ ದ್ರವ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಒಂದೊಂದು ದ್ರವ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಮಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿ (ಪಠಿಸಿ) ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡುವುದು.

1) ಹಾಲು ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು - ಅಪ್ಯಯಸ್ಸ.. ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ

2) ಮೊಸರು ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು - ದದಿ ಕ್ರಾವೋಣ್ಯೋ.. ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ

3) ತುಪ್ಪ ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು - ಶುಕ್ರಮಸಿ.. ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ

4) ಜೇನು ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು - ಮಧುವಾತ.. ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ

5) ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಲು - ಸ್ವಾದು ಪವಸ್ಯ.. ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ

ಇದೇ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದ್ರವ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಮಂತ್ರದಿಂದ ಅಭಿಷೇಕ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ಧಾರಾ ಪಾತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಲವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ ಶ್ರೀ ರುದ್ರ ನಮಕ ಮತ್ತು ಚಮಕ, ಸೂಕ್ತಗಳನ್ನು, ಶಾಂತಿ ಮಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ವೇದ ವಾಚಕರು ಪಠಿಸುತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಚಕರು ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪರಿಚಾರಕರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು.

4) ಉಪಚಾರಗಳು:- ನಾಮಾರ್ಚನೆಗಳು - ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಬಿಲ್ವಪತ್ರ, ಭಸ್ಮ, ಬಿಡಿ ಹೂವು, ಕುಂಕುಮ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಾಮಗಳನ್ನು ಪಠಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ 1 ರಿಂದ 9 ಆರತಿಗಳು, ಕುಂಭಾರತಿ, ರಥಾರತಿ ಮಾಡಿ, ಛತ್ರಿ, ಚಾಮರ, ದರ್ಪಣ, ತಾಳ, ಶಂಖನಾದ, ಜಾಗಟೆ ನಾದ, ಡಮರುಗ ನಾದ, ಮಂಗಳವಾದ್ಯ ನಾದ, ಸಂಗೀತ, ನೃತ್ಯ ಮುಂತಾದವುಗಳ ಉಪಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಮಹಾಮಂಗಳಾರತಿ ಬಲಿ ಪ್ರಧಾನದಿಂದ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯ”.

8. A careful examination of the material on record and the outcome of the hearing revealed that-

1. There is no master plan for the temple property. There is no notified area with regard to temple property. As per panchayath records the temple alone lies within the panchayath limits. Therefore, it is necessary to prepare master plan and to notify the temple area;
2. Temple opening time is not being supervised by anyone;

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3. There are no appropriate guidelines or the rules with regard to working of substitutes for the Archakas and other temple servants who are proceeding on leave;

4. There is no supervision as to whether the temple opens at specified time and all the rituals and the ceremonies of the temple are performed as per Agama shashtra.

9. Sri Chamundeswari Temple, Mysore has great antiquity with over 1,000 years of history. Chamundi Hills is famous not only in India but also abroad. It became one of the most visited temples by the devotees and pride of the State. It assumed significance after the Mysuru Maharajas, the Wodeyars, came to the power and became the great devotees and worshippers of the Devi, Chamundeswari as their family deity and thus assumed religious prominence. The belief of the people in the deity increased from the point of devotion as well as from the point of tourism.

10. After investigation of the complaint it is necessary to send a report under Section 12 (1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to recommend the Competent Authority. Hence, following recommendations;

1. The temple area shall be notified after preparing master plan.

2. Surrounding area of the temple shall be identified as temple area and the same be demarcated and notified so as to prevent stoppage of pooja or other rituals in the temple due to death or other instances of profane in the village. Further, such area shall be under the jurisdiction of the

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Endowment department for the purpose of development of the temple area.

3. Necessary rule shall be framed with regard to timing between which the temple shall be opened as per agama shastra. Addiga or any other responsible indoor employee of the temple shall be appointed to supervise the timing of opening of the temple and rituals of the temple are being performed as per Agama shastra.
  4. Whenever Archaks and other temple servants are proceeding on leave or in any other exigencies, they should make their own arrangement to nominate a substitute in their place who shall be the member of his family and shall have all the qualification/competency to perform the temple rituals. The list of nominee/proxy shall be furnished to the Executive Officer of the temple well in advance.
  5. Rules shall be framed with regard to place of keeping Arathi Thatte and Hundi in the temple.
  6. If Chief Priest\ Priest, Paricharakas or other indoor employees of temple failed to perform temple rituals as per Saivaita Agamas, they shall be liable for disciplinary action for misconduct\ dereliction of duty for which rules need to be framed.
11. It is hereby recommended under Section 12(1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to take appropriate action as stated supra within one month from the date of receipt of this recommendation and the intimation as to further action in the matter be sent to this authority.

Copies of connected records are enclosed herewith.

Sy. Ad. 1/3/18  
(JUSTICE SUBHASH B ADI)

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