



Personnel and Administrative
Reforms (A) Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
Chiththirai, 09
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Letter No. 15844/A/2010-1, dated: 22.04.2010

From
K.N.Venkataramanan, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government

To
All Secretaries to Government, Chennai-600 009.
All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
All Heads of Departments including District Collectors/District
Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates.
The Registrar, High Court, Chennai- 600104
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Chennai- 600 002.

Sir,

Sub: Practice of worship of different faiths in Office premises -
Direction of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court -
Instructions - Reiterated.

Ref: Order of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in
W.P.(MD) No. 3298 of 2010, dated 17.03.2010.

The Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in its order cited has directed to ensure and implement the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No. 426, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per-A) Department, dated 13.12.1993 prohibiting the construction of any new structure for religious worship or prayer within the office campus or enlargement or modification of any existing structure for similar purpose.

2. In G.O.Ms. No. 426, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per-A) Department, dated 13.12.1993, the following orders were issued restricting the practice of worship of different faiths in Office premises by Government Staff.

“ Head of Department/District Collector/ Head of Office shall ensure that no construction of any new structure for religious worship or prayer within the office campus, or enlargement or modification of any existing structure for similar purpose is permitted.”

3. In view of the direction of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, all Heads of departments are requested to follow the above instructions scrupulously and it is the responsibility of the Head of Department/District Collector/Head of Office to ensure that the prohibition made under the said Government Order is implemented in letter and spirit. The Heads of departments are also requested to instruct all the Sub-ordinate Offices under their control to follow the instructions issued in G.O.Ms.No.426, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per-.A) Department, dated 13.12.1993 without fail.

Yours faithfully,

N. Vinayaganthu

for Secretary to Government

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22/12/93*

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All Sections / Officers in Personnel and
Administrative Reforms Department, Chennai- 600 009.
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