



## ABSTRACT

Sports Infrastructure – Stadia – Use for purposes other than Sports and Games – Revised Orders – Issued.

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### YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT (S2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.18

Dated: 19.05.2016

வைகாசி 6, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2047

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.2481, Education, Science and Technology Department, dated 09.11.1982.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.815, Education, Science and Technology Department, dated 19.11.1996.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.71, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, dated 29.09.2005.
4. Letter Rc.No.7490/SI.1/2014, dated 31.03.2016 from Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, keeping in mind that public meetings, cultural programmes etc. organized by outside organizations often result in damages to the stadia, Government directed that stadia should not be spared for activities other than sports and games. However, Government's own events and functions have been held in the stadia always ensuring that there is no damage to the tracks and playing areas of the stadia

2. Subsequently, in the Government Order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Government have relaxed the above order and authorized the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu to accord permission to the Organizations / Institutions for the conduct of non-sporting cultural activities at the indoor stadium, Chennai as specified below:-



- a) Music
- b) Dance
- c) Theatre and Similar Entertainment shows
- d) Meeting of non-political and non-religious associations.

The Government have also ordered that the permission will exclude religious, political and individual functions like weddings and receptions. Among other things, the Government have fixed the tariff for sparing the Indoor Stadium, Chennai for non-sporting activities and also directed that all the other stadia shall be reserved only for sporting purposes.

3. Later in the Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, in partial modification of the order issued in G.O.(Ms) No.2481, Education, Science and Technology Department, dated 09.11.1982, the Government have relaxed the ban and directed that Government's own events, meetings and functions can be organized in the sports stadia provided strict safeguards are adopted not to disturb the tracks and playing areas of the stadia.

4. On filing of public interest litigation in W.P.No.31923 of 2005 in the Hon'ble High Court, Madras by Thiru.K.Senthil Kumar against a specific permission given for a particular Government event in accordance with the G.O.(Ms) No.71, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, dated 29.09.2005, the Hon'ble High Court questioned the maintainability of the Government Order in its judgment dated 04.10.2005. Hence, the State Government have filed Special Leave Petition in Civil Appeal No.804/2006 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the impugned judgment dated 04.10.2005 of Hon'ble High Court, Chennai. The Hon'ble Three Judges Bench of the Supreme Court has permitted the Government to amend the Government Order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above based on the additional affidavit filed by the State Government and disposed of the said Civil Appeal.

5. In view of the above order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has submitted certain suggestions to Government to revise the orders issued in G O.(Ms) No 71 Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, dated 29.09.2005. Besides, the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has said that the above suggestions have been necessitated particularly to optimally utilize the resources and generate revenue for regular maintenance of stadia across the State and promotion of sports activity. At the same time, it would be ensured that the usage of the stadium for purposes other than sports would be permitted only when there is no sports activity and strict safeguards would be adhered to. The revenue so generated would be used only for the purpose of sports activities and also for maintenance of all stadia all over the state. As all the stadia are to be kept in sports worthy conditions and regular maintenance particularly of modern stadia entail huge recurring financial commitment on part of the Sports Development



Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), the revenue generated by allowing use of the stadia on rentals would constitute the major and essential source of revenue.

6. After careful examination, the Government revise the orders issued in G.O.(Ms) No.71, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, dated 29.09.2005 as follows:-

- a) The Government's own events, meets and functions in the context of G.O.(Ms) No.71, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, dated 29.09.2005 to be organized in stadia shall be defined as all the events, meets and functions either organized by the State Government, Public sector undertakings or organized by the State Government in association with a private or non-governmental entity (An illustrative list is at annexure)
- b) While granting permission for holding events, the following conditions, in addition to other facility specific conditions, shall be imposed as safeguards for protecting the tracks and playfields particularly in outdoor stadia.
  - i. The athletic track should be used only for conducting sports and games.
  - ii. Cultural programmes, if any, shall be conducted on the natural turf, without spoiling the same and the participants in the cultural programme shall not cause any damage to the athletic track also.
  - iii. Arches, Dias or any other projection should not be erected on the synthetic athletic surface as well as the natural turf area.
  - iv. No flag of any political party can be permitted to be hoisted in the stadium.
  - v. The spectators should be seated in the chairs provided in the gallery.
  - vi. Not more than 250 persons including the artists and security personnel should be permitted at a time in the natural turf area.
  - vii. No spectator should be permitted to stay in the gallery or in the stadium overnight.

7. In respect of sparing the indoor stadia in districts for non-sports activities, the Government direct the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu to adhere to the procedures issued in G.O.(Ms) No.815, Education, Science and Technology Department, dated 19.11.1996 for the indoor stadium, Chennai. The Government also permit the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of

Tamil Nadu to fix the tariff for sparing the indoor stadia in districts for non-sports activities.

8. This orders comes into force with immediate effect.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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YW&SD(S2) Dept.Annexureto G.O.(Ms) No.18, dated 19.05.2016An illustrative list of the Government's own events, meets and functions

i.	Police Medal Parade
ii.	Police Duty Meet Functions
iii.	Raising Day Celebration of Women Police Battalion
iv.	Special Task Force Award Function
v.	Conferences – Self Help Groups, scientists, educationists, etc.
vi.	National Youth Festival
vii.	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan – Education for All – conference
viii.	Guidance Programmes for students
ix.	The Government award / felicitations functions
x.	Flood relief control room

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