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IN THE COURT OF SUBDIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE AT KARAIKAL

Present : Selvi M. POOJA, I.A.S.,
Subdivisional Magistrate.

M.C. No. 49 / 2026 / 02-03-2026 / 441

PROHIBITORY ORDERS UNDER SECTION 163 (i) and (ii) of BNSS-2023

Whereas, in view of the ensuing Maasi Magam festival scheduled to be celebrated at the Sri Veezhi Varadha Raaja Perumal Temple, T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal on 03-03-2026 (Tuesday), wherein, the Vishnu deities from six different Vishnu / Perumal temples from different places of Karaikal and also especially from Thirukkanna Puram and Thirumarugal would be taken in procession by the devotees by foot to the Pattinacherry Sea Shore, T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal on that same day.

2. Whereas, in addition, Maasi Magam Theertha Vaari Festival also will be celebrated at the Temple of Sri Jadaayu Pureesvarar Swamy, with the Temple Car procession during the day and also Pushpa Pallakku during the night hours on 03-03-2026. The District administration of Karaikal along with the Local Bodies and also in coordination with the Police Department, intends to make elaborate arrangements to provide necessary protective ambience and also the availability of all basic amenities to the large number of devotees who are expected to visit T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal, in large numbers to attend the said Maasi Magam Festival on 03-03-2026.

3. Whereas, the Station House Officer, T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal, has submitted a special report, dated 25-02-2026 with apprehension expressed by the Police, in terms of Social unrest that would arise due to placing of hoardings, flex boards, wall posters which may be placed by the supporters and admirers of different rival political parties and leaders of different communities, in praise of their leaders. As the General Elections to the Puducherry Legislative Assembly-2026 are nearing round the corner, the prevailing situation in T.R.Pattinam area has been reported to become sensitive to affect the General Law and Order conditions, good orders and common peace to hamper the public tranquility in that area as of now. The Station House Officer, T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal has further submitted that installation of any unauthorized hoardings, flex banner-cut-outs and pasting of wall posters and erection of banners praising political leaders which may lead to obstruction on public pathways, traffic congestion and also disturbance to the devotees visiting the festival place of T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal. Any exploitation by the different rival groups on political and organisational lines by using such objectionable material during the festival event may turn provocative and also may cause disturbance to public tranquility and peace in the locality of T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal.

4. Whereas, on having reviewed the prevailing condition at the backdrop of the special report furnished by the Station House Officer, T.R.Pattinam Police Station, Karaikal, dated 25-02-2026, I, M. Pooja, I.A.S., Subdivisional Magistrate, Karaikal, is satisfied on the conditional need of the hours to invoke the provisions as contained under section 163 of BNSS-2023 to restrict and also to prohibit certain activities of all concerned within the jurisdiction of T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal, where the Maasi Magam Festival shall take place so as to ensure the peaceful conduct of the festival in an orderly manner without any disturbance to the public tranquility.

5. Now therefore, I, M. Pooja, I.A.S., Subdivisional Magistrate, Karaikal, in exercise of the power conferred upon me under section 163 (1) of BNSS-2023, with an intention to ensure the maintenance of common peace with good order and discipline among the general public living in the jurisdiction of T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal, during the Maasi Magam Festival, I doth hereby order to prohibit the following activities with effect from 12.00 noon of 02-03-2026 until the 12.00 noon of 04-03-2026 in total:-

(a) Installation, erection of hoardings and pasting of flex board banners, cut-out posters, entrance arches, pandhals with the display to depict their picture in praise of legislative and political leaders, Public functionaries, social and community activists of all categories in any manner objectionable to this prohibitory order imposed by me within the jurisdiction of T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal, during the time period as mentioned in para (5) above. However, depicting the religious pictures of the deities are exempted from the invoking of this Order.

(b) The Commissioner, Commune Panchayat, T.R.Pattinam, Karaikal and also the Station House Officer, T.R.Pattinam Police Station, Karaikal are directed by this order to deploy the work force with adequate protection to visit the entire T.R.Pattinam area to look out for any such material objectionable to this prohibitory orders and to immediately remove and confiscate such material and also to secure any such member of the public who defied compliance of this order and also who may interrupt the team of officials imposing such prohibitory orders and all such personnel shall be booked under appropriate provision of Law.

6. Any violation of these orders is punishable by legal action under section 223 of BNS- 2023 and other relevant provisions of law and this order would remain in force on 02nd of March, 2026 from 12.00 noon till 12.00 noon of 04th of March 2026. These orders are issued as *ex parte* under section 163 (2) BNSS-2023 under the emergent conditions.

Given under my hand seal of this Court, on this 02nd day of March 2026.

M. POOJA, I.A.S.,
Subdivisional Magistrate.
