

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

From:
V.Anil Kumar, I.A.S.
Commissioner (FAC)
Endowments Department,
T.S., Hyderabad.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue (Endts) Department,
Telangana, Secretariat
Hyderabad.

Lr. No.B2/3490/2019, dt:08.03.2019.

Sir,

Sub: Endowments Department - Bhadradi Kothagudem - Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam - Certain allegations-Pravara and Gothranamas of Lord Swami Varu and Sri Ammavaru is being changed in Kalyanothsavam and Sri Ramanavami - Report submitted - Reg.

- Ref:1) LrDt:18.03.2017 of Sri P.V.Chalapathi Rao and other of Hyderabad.
2) Legal notice dt:25.09.2017 from Sri D.Sudharshan Reddy, Advocate, Hyderabad.
3) Rc.No.A1/51/2018, dt:10.02.2018 from the Executive Officer, Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam.
4) Rc.No.A1/51/2018, dt:23.02.2019 from the Executive Officer, Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam.

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It is submitted that in this reference 1st cited, Sri Ch.V.Chalapathi Rao and other of Hyderabad have submitted a letter explaining the historical events of Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam and customary procedure being followed in Kalyanothsavam and Sri Ramanavami since centuries. He further stated that since 2012 onwards, some of the Srimannarayana Societies people entered into the temple Archaka Administration through their follower working in the subject temple and trying to change the Agama procedure and Pravara Pronouncing as Srimannarayana and Seetha Mahalakshmi with Gothranamas as Atchutha and Soubaghya Gothranamas and pronouncing the ancestors names of Lord Srimannarayana, Mahalakshmi. The said individuals have also requested to issue necessary instructions to the temple authorities to do the rituals in the temples per customary procedure being followed as per the Pancharathra Agama.

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In the reference 2nd cited, Sri D.Sudharshan Reddy, Advocate has issued a legal notice to the Government and to the Commissioner on behalf of Sri Ch.V.Chalpathi Rao and other to take necessary action to resolve issues forthwith and inform to his client as otherwise his client will be constrained to approach the Court of Law for appropriate order.

In this reference 3rd and 4th cited, the Executive Officer, Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam to whom the matter has been referred has submitted report stating that on referring the matter, the Vydhika Committee has submitted it's remarks vide their letter dt:15.01.2018 stating that Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam is a famous ancient temple in Telangana State, the Pooja Method and rituals are being performing in the temple as per the customary procedure for the last (300) years by the (05) No's of Archaka families who were nominated by Sri Bhakta Ramadasu as per the Vyshnava Sampradayam and Paancharathra Divyagama.

The Executive Officer further stated that during the year 1999, certain allegations were leveled in the matter of fixing date to perform Kalyanothsavam and Srirama navami of Lord Swami Varu. Some of the individuals have approached the Hon'ble High Court challenging the opinion of the priest fixing the date for performing said Kalyanothsavam. The Hon'ble High Court in its order dt:07.04.2000 in W.P.No.5534/2000 has pronounced that neither the court nor the Government has any power to fix the date for the festival. It is for the administration at Bhadrachalam temple to celebrate Sri Ramanavami Festival according to their own decision.

It is also submitted by the Executive Officer that in recent times one Dr. Annadanam Chidambara Shastri, Sri Hanumadhyatmika Kendram, Arepalli Agraharam, Guntur District has published a booklet containing (50) pages with a title "Bhadradreeshunaku Jaruguchunna Gora Apacharam" and distributed to the public and devotees. In the said booklet, certain frivolous stories have been framed insulting the method of usage and custom and rituals being followed in the temple and also insulted Vedapandit, Archakas, Government officials, temple employees by narrating various reasons which are far away from truth.

The Executive Officer further reported that temple is being taking necessary actions to clear of the doubts and allegations leveled in the matter. But, the complainants are not co-operating in this regard and raising the same allegations frequently with an intension to spoil the sanctum sanctorum and to defame the temple.

The Executive Officer while explaining the above circumstances has requested to appoint a committee with the experts having vast knowledge in Vyshnava Sampradayam to examine the facts of not changing the Pravara of Lord Swami Varu and Sri Ammavaru at the time of performing Kalyanosthavam keeping in view of remarks offered by the Vaidhika Committee and Retired Archakas and also to examine the contents raised by the petitioner in the matter and to take action as per law and the provisions laid down in the Act.

It is submitted the issue is involved with Religious sentiments and it is impediment to finalize the issue at an early date without giving scope to others to rise this issue in future frequently.

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In view of the above, the Government are requested to issue suitable order in the matter at an early date so as to take further action.

// With the Approval of the Commissioner //

Yours faithfully

E.Srinivas Rao
Additional Commissioner

Encl: Copies of reference 1st to 4th cited.

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5) This office Lr.No.B2/3490/2019, dt:08.03.2019.
6) Lr.dt:21.05.2019 from Sri Podcheti Sriranga Charyulu and Sri M.Raghunadh.

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Kind attention is invited to the reference 5th cited wherein it has been requested to appoint a committee with the experts having vast knowledge in Vyshnava Sampradayam to examine the facts of not changing the Pravara of Lord Swami Varu and Sri Ammavaru of Sri Seetaramachandra Swamy Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District at the time of performing Kalyanosthavam keeping in view of remarks offered by the Vaidhika Committee and Retired Archakas and also to examine the contents raised by the petitioner in the matter and to take action as per law and the provisions laid down in the Act.

In view of the above, it is requested to communicate the orders, if any passed in the matter.

//With approval of the Commissioner //

Yours faithfully

E.Srinivas Rao
Additional Commissioner