

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.23357 OF 2005

Dt.31.10.2005

Between:

Royal Cultural Association, Akividu,
West Godavari District, rep. By its President
K.Suresh Reddy
... Petitioner

And

The Superintendent of Police, Eluru,
West Godavari District and 3 others. ... Respondents

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home. The writ petition itself is disposed of with the consent of the parties.

The petitioner is a Royal Cultural Association operating from Akividu, Akividu Mandal, West Godavari District for the purpose of promotion of cultural activities of the residents therein. Alleging that the members and other guests are afforded the facility of playing the game of Rummy and that this lawful activity of the petitioner is being interfered with, unlawfully by the respondents, the writ petition is filed seeking appropriate relief.

It has been held that the game of Rummy is not a game of chance, but a game of skill. Accordingly, the respondents are directed not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner association including playing of the game of Rummy. The respondents are, however, at liberty to frequently inspect the petitioner's premises for the purpose of ensuring that the activities therein are conducted in accordance with law. If any unlawful activities or activities detrimental to the well being of the people which are prohibited by law are conducted in the premises of the petitioner, the respondents are at liberty to take such action as is available in accordance with law.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

(V.ESWARAIAH, J.)

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