

Three Outfits Get HC Green Light to Offer Annadanam at Sabarimala



KOCHI: A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Monday granted permission to three organisations to conduct 'annadanam' and distribution of medicated potable water at Sannidhanam and other nearby places of Sabarimala. The bench, comprising Justice Thottathil B Radhakrishnan and Justice Anu Sivaraman,

however made it clear that activities of these three organisations would be under the supervision and direction of the Travancore Devaswom Board.

The organisations, Akhila Bharatha Ayyappa Seva Sanghom, Sabarimala Ayyappa Seva Sangham and Sree Boothanantha Dharma Sthapanam, approached the court seeking permission to conduct 'annadanam' and medicated potable water in view of the High Court directive restricting TDB alone to offer these services.

The Akhila Bharatha Ayyappa Seva Sangham submitted that if it was not granted permission to offer the services at Sannidhanam and its four camps at Azhutha, Kallidamkunnu, Valiyanavattom and Karimla, the entire stock of rice, vegetables, oil and articles kept by the Sangham would completely go down the drain, besides causing hardships to a large number of pilgrims. The number of pilgrims had increased over the years and it would perhaps be impossible for the Devaswom Board alone to cater to the needs of all the pilgrims.