



W.P(MD)No.11771 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.05.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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K.Shankar

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Old Dindigul Road,
Karur.
- 2.The Superintendent of Police,
Karur District,
Karur.
- 3.The District Revenue Officer,
District Revenue Office,
Karur District,
Karur.
- 4.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Karur District, Karur.
- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Karur Town Police Station,
Karur.

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to grant permission and to provide police protection to conduct 'Ponnar Shankar Drama' cultural programme on 29.05.2023 from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm in pursuant to the Temple Yearly festival of Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukoil situated at Thirunagar, Kamarajapuram North, Karur by considering the petitioner's representation dated 06.05.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Prasanth

For Respondents : Mrs.D.Farjana Ghoushia
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The petitioner wants to conduct the petition mentioned Drama. It is opposed by the respondents on the ground that it may vitiate communal atmosphere.



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3.We take note of the fact that Ponnar - Shankar are mythological characters and dramas are conducted in their memory. The petitioner through his counsel gives an undertaking that the dialogues employed in the drama will be appropriate and that they would not hurt the sentiments of any communal or caste group. The said undertaking given by the petitioner is recorded. The fifth respondent is directed to permit the petitioner to hold the petition mentioned event. The question of providing police protection does not arise. The petitioner undertakes to abide by the conditions that may be stipulated by the fifth respondent.

4.The Writ Petition stands allowed. No costs.

[G.R.S.,J.] [S.S.Y.,J.]
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