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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

W.P.(Crl.) No.16 of 2025

T.Manoharan ... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police
   Thiruvarur,
   Thiruvarur District

2. The Inspector of Police
   Mannargudi Town Police Station
   Thiruvarur District ... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition (Criminal) filed under Section 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 2nd respondent vide proceedings in Na.Ka.No.7/C1/MNG/2025, dated 27.05.2025 and quash the same as illegal, consequently, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the "Adal Padal" Programme on 10.06.2025 at 07.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in connection with "Vaigasi Thiruvizha" of Arulmigu Sri Somanatha Swamy Thirukovil, Serankulam, Mannargudi Taluk, Thiruvarur District.

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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Karthic Rajan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned order passed by the 2nd respondent vide proceedings in Na.Ka.No.7/C1/MNG/2025, dated 27.05.2025 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the "Adal Padal" Programme on 10.06.2025 from 07.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in connection with "Vaigasi Thiruvizha" of Arulmigu Sri Somanatha Swamy Thirukovil, Serankulam, Mannargudi Taluk, Thiruvarur District.

2. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

3. It is seen that on behalf of his village, the petitioner made a representation dated 27.05.2025 before the second respondent police seeking permission and protection to conduct cultural programme in the event of Arulmigu Sri Somanatha Swamy Thirukovil festival, but the same was rejected by the impugned proceedings dated 27.05.2025.

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Therefore, the present petition is filed for the relief stated above.

4. The reasons given in the impugned order for rejection are unreasonable. Therefore, the impugned order dated 27.05.2025 passed by the second respondent is quashed.

5. The respondent police is directed to grant permission and to provide adequate police protection for the "Aadal padal programme" to be conducted on 10.06.2025 during night time from 07.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. on the eve of "Arulmigu Sri Somanatha Swamy Thirukovil, Serankulam, Mannargudi Taluk, Thiruvarur District " subject to the following conditions:

(a) the Aadal padal programme scheduled to be held on 10.06.2025 should be completed before 11.00 midnight or within the time permitted by the respondent police.

(b) There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.

(c) Double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and youths.

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(d) No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste shall be played.

(e) No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader, shall be erected at the premises of the programme.

(f) The function shall not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste.

(g) If there is violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned police officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance forthwith; and

(h) Similarly, the police is directed to stop the dance programme, if it is played beyond the permitted time limit.

(i) The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

6. It is open to respondent police to put any further restrictions or to impose any conditions purely in the interest of preserving public order and tranquility.

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7. This Writ Petition (Criminal) is disposed of with the above observations and directions.

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2. The Inspector of Police
   Mannargudi Town Police Station
   Thiruvarur District

3. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court, Chennai.

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