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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **05.06.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.2971 of 2026

Mahalingam ... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Peraiyur,
Madurai District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Peraiyur Police Station,
Madurai District. ... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to accord permission to the Adal Padal Program to be held on 12.06.2026 at about 06.00 P.M to be conducted at the Sri Kaaliyamman Temple at Thummanayakanpatti, Silaimalaipatti, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District based on the petitioner's representation dated 29.05.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Packiaral

For Respondents : Mr.S.Arun Arockiasamy
Counsel for State of TN(Crl.side)

ORDER

Seeking to direct the respondents to accord permission to the Adal Padal Program to be held on 12.06.2026 at about 06.00 P.M to be conducted at the Sri

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Kaaliyamman Temple at Thummanayakanpatti, Silaimalaipatti, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District based on the petitioner's representation dated 29.05.2026, this writ petition is filed.

2. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu issued two circulars bearing Rc.No.159539/Crime. 4(3)/2018, signed on 31.10.2018 and Rc.007301/GenlI(1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, wherein instructions have been given to the Inspectors of Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme.

3. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is allowed on the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner is permitted to conduct Adal Padal program on 12.06.2026 from 07.00 p.m., to 10.00 p.m., in Sri Kaaliyamman Temple at Thummanayakanpatti, Silaimalaipatti, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District.

(b) The organisers, who shall be the responsible members of the festival committee, shall ensure that only cultural programs having some relevance to the temple or the festival in question would be conducted and there shall not be any obscene display/dance being conducted;

(c) The program shall not extend beyond 10 p.m.;

(d) No women participating in the cultural program would be depicted or

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portrayed in an obscene or undignified manner either in the form of clothing or otherwise;

(e) The music that shall be used shall be in sync with the precincts of the temple and double meaning songs should not be played;

(f) There shall be no supply of alcohol or any intoxicating material in and around the area where cultural program is scheduled to be held;

(g) None of the songs or dances performed in the said programme shall exhibit any political tone, tenor, or colour, nor shall they relate to or promote any religion, community, or caste.

(h) Organizers shall not erect any digital banners/placards on either side of the arterial roads, platforms, walkways/major roads and any other roads;

(i) the function should not affect caste, religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination;

(j) The attire of the dancers performing in the said programme should be modest and does not involve exposure of the midriff, thighs, legs or chest. Any violation of this condition shall result in legal action, including the arrest of the organisers and all members of the temple committee.

(k) the Police is empowered to stop the programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;

(l) if any untoward incident takes place, the organizers of the programme

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be made responsible for the same;

(m) the organizers shall have to obtain all other required permission from the authorities concerned;

(n) Any other conditions as the authority concerned consider to impose according to the ground reality.

In case of violation of any conditions, it is open to the authorities to initiate such action as is required under law and the persons who are the organisers/committee members shall be held responsible.

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NCC : Yes / No
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TO:-

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2. The Inspector of Police,
   Peraiyur Police Station,
   Madurai District.

3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
   Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
   Madurai.

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