

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.05.2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R. SUBBIAH

Writ Petition No.14610 of 2015

M.Selvaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Padalur Police Station
Dharmapuri District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission to conduct the dance programme in the event of Sri Ammasa Mariamman Koil Festival on 24.05.2015 situated at South Street, Kannappadi Post, Alathur Taluk, Dharmapuri District.

For Petitioner :Mr.K.T.S.Sivakumar

For Respondents :Mr.A.Kumar,

Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking an order in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission to the petitioner to conduct the dance programme in the event of Sri Ammasa Mariamman Koil Festival on 24.05.2015 situated at South Street, Kannappadi Post, Alathur Taluk, Dharmapuri District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.04.2015.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

3.Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the resident of the South Street, Kannappadi Post, Alathur Taluk, Dharmapuri District and Darmakartha of Sri Ammasa mariamman Koil and every year temple festival is being conducted by the villagers and this year also, the villagers jointly decided to conduct the village temple festival, with 'cultural programme' on

24.05.2015. In this connection, a representation was given on 30.04.2015 to the 2nd respondent, with a request to grant permission to conduct Cultural Programme on 24.05.2015. However, no order was passed by the 2nd respondent on the said representation and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this writ petition. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that as the temple festival is celebrated every year, in a peaceful manner by the villagers, there will be no untoward incident by the people of the village.

4.Mr.A.Kumar, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions, would submit that the permission sought for by the petitioner may be granted with stringent conditions for maintaining law and order and also to avoid any untoward incident during performance of such programme.

5.Having considered the facts and circumstances and the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, this Court is of the view that necessary permission shall be granted to the petitioner and his villagers to conduct 'cultural programme' in connection with Sri Ammasa Mariamman Koil festival on 24.05.2015 between 6.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m., however, with the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner has stated that he is the resident of the South Street, Kannappadi Post, Alathur Taluk, Dharmapuri District. However, the 2nd respondent is directed to verify the said factum.

(b) The cultural programme in connection with Sri Ammasa Mariamman Koil, be held on 24.05.2015 between 6.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

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

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

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

(f) No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader be erected.

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

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

(i) Similarly, the police is entitled to stop the dance programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time.

(j)The 2nd respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Padalur Police Station
Dharmapuri District.

1 cc to Mr. K.T.S.Sivakumar,Advocate, SR.No.25280

1 cc to Government Pleader,Sr.No25251

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