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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 31.07.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

W.P(MD)No.13623 of 2015

G.Lingapandi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Sathankulam Police Station,
Sathankulam,
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission and Protection to the Adal Padal Programme in the event of Festival of Thachamoli Street Sree Devi Muthumariamman Kovil at 14/17 Jaganathapuram Road, Thachamoli Street, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 12.08.2015.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Venkatesh

For respondents : Mr.M.Murugan
Government Advocate takes Notice

O R D E R

Mr.M.Murugan, learned Government Advocate takes notice on behalf of the respondents. By consent, the writ petition is taken up for disposal at the stage of admission.

2. This writ petition has been filed seeking for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission and Protection to the Adal Padal Programme in the event of Festival of Thachamoli Street Sree Devi Muthumariamman Kovil at 14/17 Jaganathapuram Road, Thachamoli Street, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 12.08.2015.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is residing at 14/17 Jaganathapuram Road, Thachamoli Street, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District and every year temple festival is being conducted by the villagers and this year also, the villagers jointly decided to conduct the festival, with Adal Padal Cultural Programme on 12.08.2015. In this connection, a representation was given on 27.07.2015 to the respondent police, with a request to grant permission to conduct "Adal Padal Cultural Programme" on 12.08.2015, however no order was passed by the respondent police 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 in a peaceful manner by the villagers, there will be no untoward incident by the people of the village.

4. Mr.M.Murugan, learned Government Advocate 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 Government Advocate appearing for the respondents, this court is of the view that necessary permission shall be granted to the petitioner and his villagers to conduct "Adal Padal cultural Programme" in connection with the temple festival of Thachamoli Street Sree Devi Muthumariamman Kovil situated at 14/17 Jaganathapuram Road, Thachamoli Street, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

(a) The cultural programme in connection with the temple festival of Thachamoli Street Sree Devi Muthumariamman Kovil situated at 14/17 Jaganathapuram Road, Thachamoli Street, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, be held on **12.08.2015** between **06.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.**

(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.

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

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

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

(g) If there is any 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; and

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

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

No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1.The Superintendent of Police, Thoothukudi District.

2.The Inspector of Police, Sathankulam Police Station,

Sathankulam, Thoothukudi District.

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