



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.9.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Ms.JUSTICE R.MALA

W.P. (MD) No.17275 of 2015

A.R.Mupudathi Muthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Pavoorchathram Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the respondent dated 10.9.2015 and consequently directing the respondent to give permission and police protection to conduct cultural programme (Music and Dance) on 2.10.2015 during the temple festival of Arulmigu Periyamman Kovil at Sivagamipuram, Alangulam Taluk by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 10.9.2015.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Balakarthick

For Respondent : Mr.N.Manoharan,
Special Government Pleader

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Mr.N.Manoharan, learned Special Government Pleader, takes notice for the Respondent. By consent, the Writ Petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

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

3. The present Writ Petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the respondent dated 10.9.2015 and consequently directing the respondent to give permission and police protection to conduct cultural programme (Music and Dance) on 2.10.2015 during the temple festival of Arulmigu Periyamman Kovil at Sivagamipuram, Alangulam Taluk by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 10.9.2015.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct the festival with cultural programme (music concert) on 2.10.2015. In this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police, with a request to grant permission to conduct the programme on the above said date, however, the respondent Police has rejected the request of the petitioner, by impugned order dated 10.9.2015 and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this representation. The learned counsel for the petitioner would further submit that as the said festival is celebrated in a peaceful manner by the villagers, there will be no untoward incident by the people of the



village.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent, 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.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the reason assigned for rejecting the permission is unsustainable and hence, the impugned order dated 10.9.2015 is set aside.

7. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, 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 the above said festival.

8. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is allowed with the following directions:

(a) The cultural programme (music concert) in connection with Arulmigu Periyamman Kovil festival be held on 2.10.2015 between 07.30 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 the youth

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

(e) No flex boards in support of any political party or religious 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 empowered to stop the cultural programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time.

(i) The participants of the programme shall not intake any kind of toxic substance or liquor during the programme;

(j) If there is any untoward incident took place, the village people and the organizers of the programme be made responsible for the same;

(k) The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.
No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar.

To

1. The Inspector of Police, Pavoorchathram Police Station, Tirunelveli District.

2. Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
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