



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.10.2015

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THE HONOURABLE Ms.JUSTICE R.MALA

W.P. (MD) No.18424 of 2015

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A.Velayutham

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Alankulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to grant permission to the petitioner to perform Innisai Katcheri on 13.10.2015 during the celebration of Kodai festival to Arulmigu Sripathirakaliamman Thirukovil, Keelapattamudaiyarpuram, Alangulam Taluk, Tirunelveli District and also provide adequate protection during the event to the general public.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Palanivelayutham
For Respondents : Mr.N.Manoharan, Spl.G.P.

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to grant permission to the petitioner to perform Innisai Katcheri on 13.10.2015 during the celebration of Kodai festival to Arulmigu Sripathirakaliamman Thirukovil, Keelapattamudaiyarpuram, Alangulam Taluk, Tirunelveli District and also provide adequate protection during the said event to the general public.

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

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to perform Innisai Katcheri on 13.10.2015 during the above said Temple festival. 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 not considered the request of the petitioner and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this Writ Petition. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted 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.

4.The 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 perform Innisai Katcheri on 13.10.2015 during the above said temple festival.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

(a) The cultural programme (music concert) in connection with the above said temple festival be held on 13.10.2015 between 07.00 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 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(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli District.

2. The Inspector of Police, Alankulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

+1cc to Mr.S.Palani Velayutham, Advocate in SR.60266

+1cc to the Special Government Pleader in SR.60127

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