



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.04.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE S.TAMILVANAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.S.RAVI

W.P (MD) No.4911 of 2015

A.Natarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by its
The Inspector of Police,
Shenkottai Police Station,
Shenkottai,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondent

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission to the cultural events and to perform the Musical Orchestra Programme on 19.4.2015 and also to grant permission for conduct the Chenda Melam on 20.4.2015 at 12.00 mid night at that time of 'Sappara Veethi Ulla' in Arulmigu Muppudathi Amman Temple Festival (Kodai Festival), Melur, Shenkottai Village Thirunelveli District to give Police protection during the festival sessions to be performed from 19.04.2015 to 22.4.2015.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Muthukamatchi

For Respondents : Mr.M.Alagadevan,
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.TAMILVANAN,J)

This writ petition has been filed as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), invoking Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking an order in the nature of writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to perform the cultural programme (i.e.) Dance Programme on 19.04.2015 in connection with Arulmigu Muppudathi Amman Temple Festival (Kodai Festival) Melur, Shenkottai Village, Thirunelveli District.



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

3. According to the learned Special Government Pleader, there are two groups and there was a quarrel and manhandling between the parties that is why permission was not granted.

4. Merely because there are two groups in a village, their rights could not be denied by the authorities.

5. On the aforesaid circumstances, we direct the respondents to convene a meeting in the area and form a committee to conduct the festival in a peaceful manner without any discrimination among Hindus based on their caste and such an order shall be passed on or before 15.04.2015.

6. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Writs)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

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

+1cc to Mr. V. Muthu Kamatchi, Advocate, in SR. No. 16807.

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