



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.04.2015

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

Writ Petition (MD) No. 6264 of 2015

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R. Ilayaraja

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Trichy District,
Trichy.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Somarasampettai Police Station,
Trichy District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to grant permission and protection to perform cultural programme of "Karagattam" before the Muthupallakku in "Sri Mariamman Temple" situated at Enampuliyur, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District pursuant to the representation dated 11.04.2015.

For Petitioner : Mr. V. Illanchezian

For Respondents : Mr. R. Karthikeyan

Addl. Government Pleader

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to grant permission and protection to perform cultural programme of "Karagattam" before the Muthupallakku in "Sri Mariamman Temple" situated at Enampuliyur, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District pursuant to the representation dated 11.04.2015.

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

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the Pattatharar of the Enampuliyur Village, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District and every year, in the Tamil month of Chithirai, Mariyamman Temple festival is being conducted by the villagers and this year also, the villagers jointly decided to conduct the village temple festival with traditional Gramiyakalai of "Karagattam" before the lifting of Muthupallakku on 04.05.2015. In this connection, a representation was given on 11.04.2015 to the second respondent police, with a request to grant permission to conduct "Karagattam" on 04.05.2015. However, no order was passed by the second 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 since 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.R.Karthikeyan, learned Additional 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 Additional 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 "Karagattam" in connection with the temple festival of "Sri Mariamman Temple" situated at Enampuliyur, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District.

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

(a) The cultural programme in connection with temple Festival at "Sri Mariamman Temple" at Enampuliyur, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District be held on 04.05.2015 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(Writs)

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