

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.04.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH

Writ Petition No.15741 of 2016

R.Sakthivel

... Petitioner

vs.

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

2.The Deputy Superintendent of
Police,
Mettur Division,
Mettur Dam, Mettur,
Salem District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Karumalaikoodal Police Station,
Mettur Dam, Mettur Taluk,
Salem District.

... Respondents

Writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of mandamus directing the third respondent to grant permission to conduct the dance program scheduled to be held on 27.4.2016 at Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple Campus at Gopooran Kadu, Karuppureddiyur, Mettur Dam, Mettur Taluk and Salem District.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Kesavan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Navaneethan,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

ORDER

By consent, the main writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

2. Seeking permission to conduct cultural program on 27.4.2016 at Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple Campus, Gopooran Kadu, Karuppureddiyur, Mettur Dam, Mettur Taluk and Salem District, the petitioner made a representation dated 19.4.2016 to the third respondent. As the same has not been considered so far, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader, who has taken notice on behalf of the respondents.

4. Learned Additional Government Pleader, on instructions, would submit that there is likelihood of law and order problem.

5. A mere apprehension cannot be a ground to reject the representation of the petitioner. There is absolutely no material before this Court to hold that there will be a law and order problem in the event of permission being granted.

6. In such view of the matter, the writ petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural program on 27.4.2016 at Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple Campus, Gopooran Kadu, Karuppureddiyur, Mettur Dam, Mettur Taluk and Salem District, however, with the following conditions:-

(a) The cultural programme in connection with temple Festival at Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple, Gopooran Kadu, Karuppureddiyur, Mettur Dam, Mettur Taluk and Salem District, to be held on 27.4.2016 between 06.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

(b) There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogue 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.

Further, the third respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions. No costs.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

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+1 cc to M/s.G.Kesavan Advocate sr.26175

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