

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.15935 of 2016

M.Jagathish

... Petitioner

vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Mecheri Police Station,
Salem District.

... Respondent

Writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of mandamus directing the respondent to grant permission and protection to conduct cultural program (dance and music program) in the Arulmigu Muthumariyamman Temple festival situated at Vinayagar Kovil Street, Sinthamaniur Post, Olaipatti, Salem District, scheduled to be held on 5.5.2016 from 6.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sarath Chandran

For Respondent : Mrs.M.E.Rani Selvam,
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 5.5.2016 in Arulmigu Muthumariyamman Temple festival situated at Vinayagar Kovil Street, Sinthamaniur Post, Olaipatti, Salem District, the petitioner made a representation dated 16.4.2016 to the 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 respondent.

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 5.5.2016 in Arulmigu Muthumariyamman Temple festival situated at Vinayagar Kovil Street, Sinthamaniur Post, Olaipatti, Salem District, however, with the following conditions:-

(a) The cultural program in connection with temple Festival in Arulmigu Muthumariyamman Temple situated at Vinayagar Kovil Street, Sinthamaniur Post, Olaipatti, Salem District, to be held on 5.5.2016 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 respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions. No costs.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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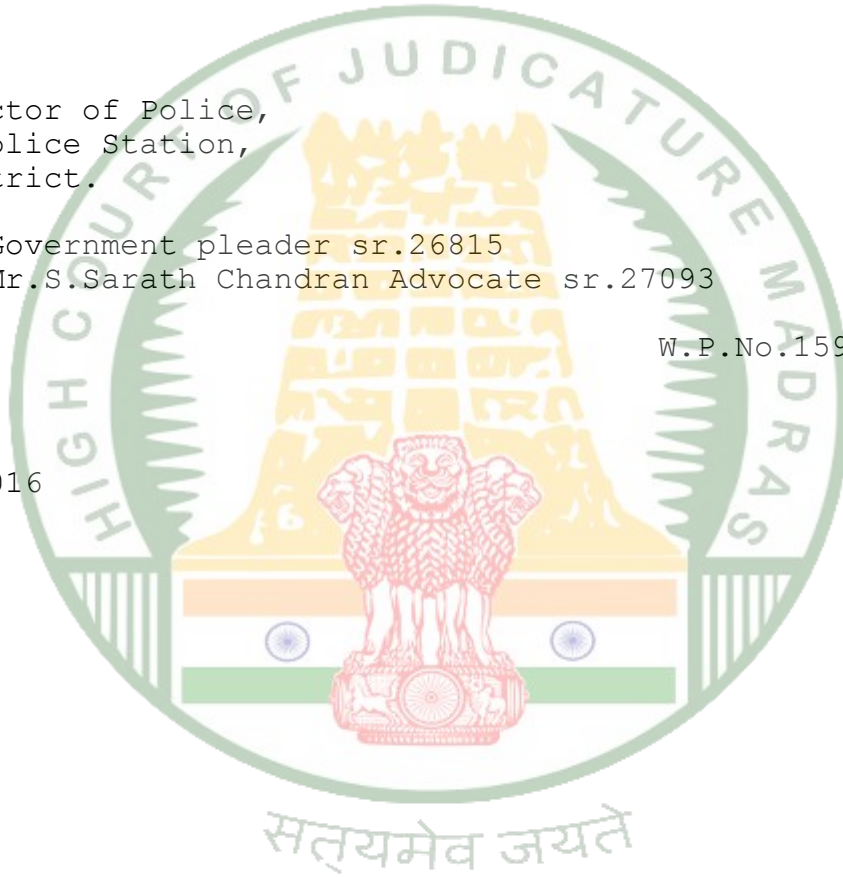
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