

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.03.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH

W.P.No.8608 of 2016

K.Govinthan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Office of Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Mettur.

2. Inspector of Police,
Meichery Police Station,
Meichery, Mettur Taluk,
Salem District.

..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission to conduct cultural programme in the evening on 30.03.2016 as a part of Arulmighu Sri Sakthimariamman Temple festival at Meichery in Salem District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 03.03.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.N. Ponraj

For Respondents : Mr.R.As. Senthilvel,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

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With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal.

2. Seeking permission to conduct cultural programme on 30.03.2016 in Arulmighu Sri Sakthimariamman Temple festival to be held at Meichery, Salem District, the petitioner made a representation dated 03.03.2016 to the respondents. As the same has not been considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for 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. 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. In such view of the matter, the writ petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural programme on 30.03.2016 in Arulmighu Sri Sakthimariamman Temple festival to be held at Meichery, Salem District, however, with the following conditions:-

(a) The cultural programme in connection with temple Festival at Meichery, Salem District, to be held on 30.03.2016 between 06.00pm to 11.00pm.

(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.

(h) Similarly, the police is entitled to stop the dance programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time; and

(i) The respondents are directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

No costs.

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-s/d-

Assistant Registrar (CS-IV)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Office of Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Mettur.
2. Inspector of Police,
Meichery Police Station,
Meichery, Mettur Taluk,
Salem District.

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