



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.07.2016

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE S.VIMALA

W.P(MD)No.12162 of 2016

S.Panneerselvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Swamimalai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary police protection to perform the cultural programme ie., Dance programme on 12.07.2016 at 7.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. In the festival of Arulmighu Sri Papathiamman, Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Bharathiar Nagar, Sundharaperumal Kovil, Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Muthamil Rajan
For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganandam,
Addl. Govt. Pleader.

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission and protection to conduct the Dance Programme on 12.07.2016 at 7.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. in connection with "Aani festival" of Arulmighu Sri Papthiamman, Thirukovil, at Bharathiar Nagar, Sundharaperumal Kovil, Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 08.07.2016.

2.Mr.D.Muruganandam, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents. By consent, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

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



4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the programme is being conducted by the villagers regularly in order to promote harmony during the above said festival period; that a representation was given to the 2nd respondent, but, however, the same was not considered by the 2nd respondent so far and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this writ petition. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would further submit that as the aforesaid festival is celebrated in a peaceful manner by the villagers, there will be no untoward incident on account of this celebration.

5.The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions, would submit that the permission sought for by the petitioner may be granted with appropriate and stringent conditions for maintaining law and order and also to avoid any untoward incident during performance of such programme.

6.Accordingly, in view of the submission made by the learned Additional Government Pleader, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the 2nd respondent police to accord permission to the petitioner to conduct the Dance Programme in connection with "Aani Festival" of Arulmighu Sri Papathiamman, Thirukovil, at Bharathiar Nagar, Sundharaperumal Kovil, Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District, scheduled on 12.07.2016 between 07.00 p.m., and 10.30 p.m., by incorporating the following conditions:

(a) Obscene dance / songs / vulgar dialogues should be avoided during the programme;

(b) Songs conveying obscene double meaning should not be played in order to avoid awkwardness;

(c) No dance or songs, touching upon the conduct of any political party or community or caste be played;

(d) No flex boards in support of any political party or religious leader be erected;

(e) The programme shall be conducted without showing any discrimination based on caste / community etc., and it shall be ensured that it is towards promoting communal harmony;

(f) the participants of the programme shall not intake any kind of intoxicating substance or liquor during the programme;

(g) In respect of untoward incident occurring, the organizers of the programme be responsible for the same;

(h) If there is any violation of any of the conditions imposed, the concerned Police Officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)



To

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Swamimalai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

+ 1 CC TO MR.R.MUTHAMIL RAJAN, ADVOCATE IN SR No. 35683
+ 1 CC TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER IN SR No. 35817

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