



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.08.2016

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE S.VIMALA

W.P(MD)No.14591 of 2016

E.Sankaranarayanan

... Petitioner

-vs-

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Pudukottai Police Station,
Pudukottai, Thoothukudi 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 protection to perform the Village Cultural Programme i.e. Nellai S.S.S. Innisai Katcheri on 13.08.2016 at 07.00 pm to 10.00 pm in the eve of Arulmighu Sri Karuppsamy Thirukovil Kodai Vizha at Potalurani Village, Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 08.08.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandran
For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganandam
Addl. Govt. Pleader

O R D E R

The writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to perform the Village Cultural Programme i.e. Nellai S.S.S. Innisai Katcheri on 13.08.2016 at 07.00 pm to 10.00 pm in the eve of Arulmighu Sri Karuppsamy Thirukovil Kodai Vizha at Potalurani Village, Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 08.08.2016.

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



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

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 respondent, but, however, the same was not considered 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 respondent, 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 the direction to the respondent police to accord permission to the petitioner to conduct Innisai Katcheri during the temple festival of Arulmighu Sri Karuppsamy Thirukovil Kodai Vizha at Potalurani Village, Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held on 13.08.2016, between 07.00 p.m., and 10.30 p.m., by incorporating the following conditions:

(a) Songs conveying obscene double meaning should not be played;

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

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

(d) 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;

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

(f) 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)

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To

1.The Superintendent of Police,
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Thoothukudi.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Pudukottai Police Station,
Pudukottai, Thoothukudi District.

+1CC to M/S.S.R. A.Ramachandran, Advocate, SR.No. 43699

+1CC to the Special Government Pleader, SR.No. 43694

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