



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 09.03.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH

W.P.(MD) No.4802 of 2016

P.Chinnasamy

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police
Pudukkottai District
Pudukkottai

2.The Inspector of Police
Gandarvakottai Police Station
Pudukkottai District

... Respondents

Prayer : 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 perform cultural programme to be conducted on 12.03.2016, in connection with the "Mandagapati Festival" of Arulmigu Sockampettai Nallaperumal Iyyanar Kovil at Chokkampettai, Sangamviduthi Village, Vellalaviduthi Post, Gandarvakottai Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

For Petitioner : Mrs.A.Banumathy

For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganandham

Addl. Government Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondents to grant permission and protection for cultural programme scheduled to be held, on 12.03.2016, in connection with the "Mandagapati Festival" of Arulmigu Sockampettai Nallaperumal Iyyanar Kovil at Chokkampettai, Sangamviduthi Village, Vellalaviduthi Post, Gandarvakottai Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 04.03.2016.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to perform the cultural event in connection with the "Mandagapati Festival" of Arulmigu Sockampettai Nallaperumal Iyyanar Kovil at Chokkampettai, Sangamviduthi Village, Vellalaviduthi Post, Gandarvakottai Taluk, Pudukkottai District, scheduled to be held on 12.03.2016. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 04.03.2016, with a request to grant permission to conduct the programme on the above said date. However, the respondent Police has not yet considered the said representation and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this Writ Petition.



3. Heard the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents.

4. This Court is aware of the fact that the Election Commission of India has announced time table for elections to the State Assembly and therefore, the Police will be under much strain. Under such circumstances, it will not be advisable to grant permission for such programmes, if there are going to be any law and order problem.

5. In view of the limited scope of prayer sought for in this petition, the second respondent police is directed to pass orders in accordance with law either permitting or rejecting the representation, dated 04.03.2016, given by the petitioner, taking into account the law and order problem and other aspects, prevailing in the area, as expeditiously as possible.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Gandarvakottai Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

+1cc to Mrs.A.Banumathy, Advocate SR.No.13640/15
+1cc to special Government Pleader SR.No.13568/16

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