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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11.03.2016

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH

W.P.(MD) No.5014 of 2016

S.Nagaraj

... Petitioner

-vs-

The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Gandamanur Police Station,
Gandamanur,
Theni District.

.. Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent herein to grant permission for conducting cultural activities "Adal Padal" on 26.03.2016 for the completion of festival in Erathimaakalpatti Sree kalamman Kovil at Erathimaakalpatti, Okkaraipatti Post, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District, based on my representation, dated 08.03.2016.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.K.Veilmuthu
For Respondents	:	Mr.D.Muruganandam, Addl. Govt. Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondents to grant permission and protection for Adal Padal program scheduled to be held on 26.03.2016 for the completion of festival in Erathimaakalpatti Sree kalamman Kovil at Erathimaakalpatti, Okkaraipatti Post, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct Adal Padal program scheduled to be held on 26.03.2016 for the completion of festival in Erathimaakalpatti Sree kalamman Kovil at Erathimaakalpatti, Okkaraipatti Post, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 08.03.2016, 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 counsel on either side.

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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 a law and order problem.

5. However, in view of the limited scope of prayer sought for in this petition, the respondent police are directed to pass orders on merits and in accordance with law either permitting or rejecting the representation dated 08.03.2016, given by the petitioner, taking into account the law and order problem and other aspects, prevailing in that area, as expeditiously as possible.

With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(R)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Gandamanur Police Station,
Gandamanur, Theni District.

+lcc to MR.K.VEILMUTHU, Advocate SR.No.14181

+lcc to The Special Government Pleader Sr.No.14075

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