



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28.03.2016

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

W.P.(MD) No.5914 of 2016

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... Petitioner

-vs-

The Inspector of Police
Sempatti Police Station,
Sempatti,
Dindigul District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 31.03.2016 at night in connection with "Panguni Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Kottai Periya Bagavathiamman Kovil, at Sedapatti Village, Athoor Taluk, Dindigul District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 19.03.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ramalingam

For Respondent : Mr.D.Muruganandam,
Addl. Govt. PleaderO R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 31.03.2016 at night in connection with "Panguni Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Kottai Periya Bagavathiamman Kovil, at Sedapatti Village, Athoor Taluk, Dindigul District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 19.03.2016.

2.Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct Adal Padal program scheduled to be held on 31.03.2016. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 19.03.2016, 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.

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 19.03.2016, 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. No costs.

Sd/
Assistant Registrar(AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar.

To

The Inspector of Police
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Dindigul District.

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