



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.04.2016

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

W.P.(MD) No.6454 of 2016

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... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Usilampatti, Madurai District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Usilampatti Town Police Station,
Madurai District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to grant permission and Police protection to conduct the Cultural Programme (Adalum Padalum) on 08.04.2016 from 7.00 p.m to 11.00p.m in pursuant to the Panguni Pongal Festival of the Arulmigu Mandaiyamman Temple at Meiyampatti Village Seemanathu Panchayat Usilampatti Taluk Madurai District on the basis of permission given by the 1st respondent dated 28.03.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Balaji
For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganandam,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondents herein to grant permission and Police protection to conduct the Cultural Programme (Adalum Padalum) on 08.04.2016 from 7.00 p.m to 11.00p.m in pursuant to the Panguni Pongal Festival of the Arulmigu Mandaiyamman Temple at Meiyampatti Village Seemanathu Panchayat Usilampatti Taluk Madurai District on the basis of permission given by the 1st respondent dated 28.03.2016.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct the Cultural Programme (Adalum Padalum) on 08.04.2016 from 7.00 p.m to 11.00p.m in pursuant to the Panguni Pongal Festival of the Arulmigu Mandaiyamman Temple at Meiyampatti Village Seemanathu Panchayat Usilampatti Taluk Madurai District. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 28.03.2016, 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

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3. Heard the learned counsel on either side.



4. This Court is aware of the fact that the Election Commission of India has already 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. However, in view of the limited scope of prayer sought for in this petition, the respondent police is directed to pass orders in accordance with law either permitting or rejecting the representation dated 28.03.2016, 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.

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Assistant Registrar(R)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To:

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Usilampatti, Madurai District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Usilampatti Town Police Station,
Madurai District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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