



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 07.04.2016

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

W.P.(MD) No.6922 of 2016

C.Manoharan

... Petitioner

-vs-

The Inspector of Police,
Viralimalai Police Station,
Pudukkottai 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 and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 24.04.2016 at night in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Pappathiamman Kovil at Kasavalur, Konadipatti Village, Viralimalai Taluk, Pudukkottai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 01.04.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Mahendran
For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganandam,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondent herein to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 24.04.2016 at night in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Pappathiamman Kovil at Kasavalur, Konadipatti Village, Viralimalai Taluk, Pudukkottai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 01.04.2016.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct the cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 24.04.2016 at night in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Pappathiamman Kovil at Kasavalur, Konadipatti Village, Viralimalai Taluk, Pudukkottai District. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 01.04.2016, 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 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 01.04.2016, 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(W)

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Sub Assistant Registrar.

To:

1. The Inspector of Police,
Viralimalai Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

2. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1CC to M/S. M. Mahendran, Advocate, SR.No. 19854

+1CC to the Special Government Pleader, SR.No. 19997

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