



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.04.2016

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

W.P.(MD) No.8233 of 2016

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... Petitioner

-vs-

The Inspector of Police,
Masarpatti Police Station,
Ettaiyapuram Taluk
Thoothukudi 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 police protection to the performance of Aadal Padal Cultural event to be conducted on 05.05.2016 at night by the villagers and this cultural program on the basis of petitioner representation dated 21.04.2016 in connection with the devotees of Arulmigu Kaliamman Temple, Thappathi Village, Muthulapuram Post, Ettayapuram Taluk, Thoothukudi District.

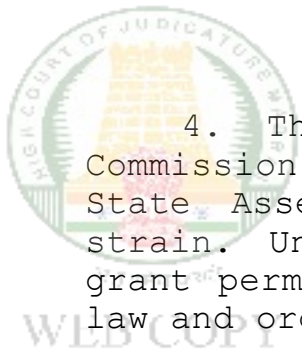
For Petitioner : Mr.M.Mahendran
For Respondent : Mr.D.Muruganandam,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, seeking a direction to the respondent to grant permission and protection for Adal Padal program scheduled to be held on 05.05.2016.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct Adal Padal program scheduled to be held on 05.05.2016. He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent police on 21.04.2016, 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 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 21.04.2016, 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 (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To
The Inspector of Police,
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Thoothukudi District

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