



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 24.07.2017

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR

W.P.(MD) No.13630 of 2017

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

The Inspector of Police,
Sethubavachathiram Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event, namely, "Adal Padal" scheduled to be held on 14.08.2017 at night in connection with "Aadi" festival in "Arulmighu Sri Poomariamman Temple, at Thiruvadevan Villge, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District, by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 12.07.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian
For Respondent : Mr.A.K.Baskarapandiyan,
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

This Writ petition is filed for issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event, namely, "Adal Padal" scheduled to be held on 14.08.2017 at night in connection with "Aadi" festival in "Arulmighu Sri Poomariamman Temple, at Thiruvadevan Village, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District, by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 12.07.2017.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal" programme on 14.08.2017 in connection with "Aadi" festival in Arulmighu Sri Poomariamman Temple, at Thiruvadevan Village, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent on 12.07.2017, with a request to grant permission and protection to conduct the programme on the above said date. However, the respondent has not yet considered the said representation and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this Writ Petition.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent has no objection for granting permission to conduct "Adal



Padal" programme. He further submitted that the permission can be granted subject to stringent conditions.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The respondent/The Inspector of Police, Sethubavachathiram Police Station, Thanjavur District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 12.07.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Adal Padal" programme in connection with "Aadi" festival in Arulmighu Sri Poomariamman Temple, at Thiruvadevan Village, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District, scheduled to be held on 14.08.2017, subject to the following conditions;

(a) the "Adal Padal" programme in connection with "Aadi" festival in Arulmighu Sri Poomariamman Temple, at Thiruvadevan Village, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District, scheduled to be held on 14.08.2017, should be completed before 10.30 p.m.

(b) there should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by any one of the participants;

(c) double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and the youth;

(d) no dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion, community or caste be played;

(e) no flex boards in support of any political party or religious leader be erected;

(f) the function should not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste;

(g) if there is any violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned Police Officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance;

(h) similarly, the Police is empowered to stop the programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;

(i) the participants of the programme shall not intake any kind of in-toxic substance or liquor during the programme; and

(j) if any untoward incident takes place, the organizers of the programme be made responsible for the same.



6. It is open to the respondent police to put any further restrictions or to impose any conditions purely in the interest of preserving public order and tranquillity. There can be a total ban for putting up any Flex Boards representing any community. No costs.

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Assistant Registrar (RTI)

Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Inspector of Police,
Sethubavachathiram Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

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