



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.07.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR

W.P.(MD) No. 13758 of 2017

V.Sivakumar

... Petitioner

-Vs-

The Inspector of Police,
Keeramangalam Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely "Adal Padal" scheduled to be held on 28.07.2017 at night 09.00 p.m., to 12.00p.m., in connection with "Aadi Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Tirukovil at Keeramangalam Village, Alangudy Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.07.2017.

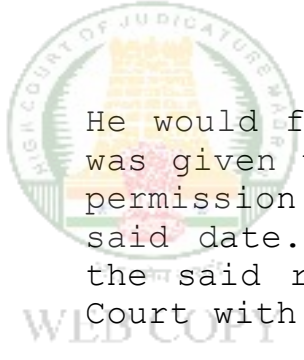
For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian
For Respondent : Mr.A.K.Baskarapandian
Special Government Pleader.

O R D E R

The petitioner has come forward with this Writ Petition to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely "Adal Padal" scheduled to be held on 28.07.2017 at night 09.00 p.m., to 12.00p.m., in connection with "Aadi Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Tirukovil at Keeramangalam Village, Alangudy Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.07.2017.

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 would submit that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Aadal Padal" scheduled to be held on 28.07.2017 in connection with "Aadi Festival" in connection with "Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Tirukovil" situated at Keeramangalam Village, Alangudy Taluk, Pudukkottai District.



He would further submit that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent on 17.07.2017, with a request to grant permission and protection 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.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent would submit that the programme to be organized by the writ petitioner is likely to attract more crowd from neighbouring villages and therefore, there is likelihood of law and order problem. He further submitted that permission may be granted for "Aadal Padal" programme with stringent conditions.

5. On specific question being asked to the learned Special Government pleader as to the untoward incidents, it was reported that no such untoward incidents reported in the programme conducted by them in the previous years.

6. Taking into consideration the facts of the present case and the fact that such programmes are being organized and conducted in every villages all over the state, preventing the petitioner from conducting such programme in this particular village will amount to discrimination. Hence this Court is inclined to pass the following direction:-

"The respondent / The Inspector of Police, Keeramangalm Police Station, Pudukkottai District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 17.07.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Aadal Padal" programme in connection with the Festival in "Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Thirukovil" at "Keeramangalam Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District" scheduled to be held on 28.07.2017, subject to the following conditions;

(a) the "Aadal Padal" programme in connection with the Festival in "Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Thirukovil" at "Keeramangalam Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District" scheduled to be held on 28.07.2017, shall 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 dance 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.

7. The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions and ensure the observance of the conditions to maintain public order and tranquillity. It is open to the respondent to take appropriate action in the event of non-observance of the conditions stipulated. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar.

To
The Inspector of Police,
Keeramangalam Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

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