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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10.08.2017

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

W.P.(MD) No.15025 of 2017

V.Arumugapandi

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sathankulam Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Sathankulam Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to grant permission and give police protection to conduct the "Aadalum Padalum" dance programme at about 07.00 p.m. on 16.08.2017 in pursuance to the festival of "Arulmigu Devi Sri Mutharamman Thirukovil" situated in Vijayaramapuram, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District on considering the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.A.Ebenezer

For Respondents : Mr.A.K.Baskarapandiyan,
Special Government Pleader.

O R D E R

This Writ petition is filed for issuing a Writ of Mandamus seeking a direction to the respondents herein to grant permission and give police protection to conduct the "Aadalum Padalum" dance programme at about 07.00 p.m. on 16.08.2017 in pursuance to the festival of "Arulmigu Devi Sri Mutharamman Thirukovil" situated in Vijayaramapuram, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District on considering the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2017.

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

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct the "Aadalum Padalum" programme in connection with the "Arulmigu Devi Sri Mutharamman Thirukovil" situated in Vijayaramapuram, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District. He further submitted that in this



connection, a representation was given to the respondent on 05.08.2017, 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.

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4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that this Court may grant permission for "Aadalum Padalum" programme subject to stringent conditions.

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

The third respondent/The Inspector of Police, Sathankulam Police Station, Thoothukudi District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 05.08.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Aadalum Padalum" programme in connection with the "Arulmigu Devi Sri Mutharamman Thirukovil" situated in Vijayaramapuram, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held on 16.08.2017, subject to the following conditions;

*(a) the "Aadalum Padalum" programme in connection with the "Arulmigu Devi Sri Mutharamman Thirukovil" situated in Vijayaramapuram, Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held on 16.08.2017 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 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(AD-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
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+1cc to Mr.T.A.EBENEZER Advocate in SR. NO.71904
GSP/DSS
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