

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT****DATED: 22.09.2017****CORAM**

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR**W.P. (MD) No. 18022 of 2017**

A.Murugan

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1. The Commissioner of Police,
Office of the Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Avaniyapuram Police Station,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the second respondent to give the permission to the petitioner for conducting Adal Padal on 27.09.2017 and give adequate police protection to be conducted in the Arulmighu Mandhaimman Temple, Purattasi Festival in Vellakkal, Perungudi Post, Madurai District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Venkatesan

For Respondents : Mr.A.K.Baskarapandian
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

The petitioner has come forward with this Writ Petition to direct the second respondent to give the permission to the petitioner for conducting Adal Padal on 27.09.2017 and give adequate police protection to be conducted in the Arulmighu Mandhaimman Temple, Purattasi Festival in Vellakkal, Perungudi Post, Madurai District.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal" dance programme on 27.09.2017 in connection with a "Purattasi Festival" in "Arulmighu Mandhaimman Temple, situated at Vellakkal, Perungudi Post, Madurai District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the second respondent on 20.09.2017, 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.

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

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submitted that this Court may grant permission for "Adal Padal" 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 second respondent/The Inspector of Police, Avaniyapuram Police Station, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 20.09.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Adal Padal" programme in connection with "Purattasi Festival" in "Arulmighu Mandhaimman Temple, situated at Vellakkal, Perungudi Post, Madurai District, scheduled to be held on 27.09.2017, subject to the following conditions;

*(a) the "Adal Padal" programme in connection with the "Purattasi" festival in "Arulmighu Mandhaimman Temple, situated at Vellakkal, Perungudi Post, Madurai District, scheduled to be held on 27.09.2017 should be completed before **10.30 p.m.**, or as may be permitted by the second respondent police.*

(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) there should not be any Flex Boards representing any community or political leaders;

(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.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(P&A)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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Madurai City.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Avaniyapuram Police Station,
Madurai.

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+1cc to Spl.Government Pleader Sr.No.81144

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