



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.10.2017

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

W.P. (MD) No.18582 of 2017

S.Palanisamy

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District, Theni.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Veerapandi Police Station,
Theni District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary Police Protection to perform the cultural programme (ie.,) Adal Padal dance Programme on 11.10.2017 at 7.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in the festival of Arulmighu Sri Chellaye Amman Thirukovil, Sri Karuppasamy Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manikandan

For Respondents : Mr.D.Muruganantham,
Additional Government Pleader.

O R D E R

This Writ petition is filed for issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and to provide necessary police protection to perform the cultural programme (ie.,) "Adal Padal" dance programme on 11.10.2017 at 7.00 p.m., to 11.00 p.m., in the festival of Arulmighu Sri Chellaye Amman Thirukovil, Sri Karuppasamy Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District.

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

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal" Dance programme on 11.10.2017 in connection with a festival in Arulmighu Sri Chellaye Amman Thirukovil, Sri Karuppasamy Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the second respondent on 28.09.2017, with a request to grant permission and protection to conduct the programme on the above said date. However, the second



respondent police has not yet considered the said representation and hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this Writ Petition.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that this Court may grant permission for "Adal Padal" Dance 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, Veerapandi Police Station, Theni District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 28.09.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Adal Padal" Dance programme in connection with a festival in "Arulmighu Sri Chellaye Amman Thirukovil, Sri Karuppasamy Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District, scheduled to be held on 11.10.2017, subject to the following conditions;

(a) the **"Adal Padal"** Dance programme in connection with a festival in Arulmighu Sri Chellaye Amman Thirukovil, Sri Karuppasamy Thirukovil Thiruvizha at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District, scheduled to be held on **11.10.2017** 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. The second respondent is at liberty to put any further restrictions or to impose any conditions purely in the interest of preserving public order and tranquillity so as to maintain law and order and communal harmony. There can be a total ban for putting up any Flex Boards representing any community. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District, Theni.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Veerapandi Police Station,
Theni District.

+1cc to THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER in SR. No. 81943

+1cc to Mr.V.MANIKANDAN Advocate in SR. No. 81842

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