

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

DATED: 10.10.2017

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR**W.P. (MD) No.18817 of 2017**

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

The Inspector of Police,
T.Kallupatti Police Station,
Madurai District.

... Respondent

Prayer:Writ Petition 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 AdalPadal performed by Madurai Kalavasal Subinaya Troop scheduled to be held on 11.10.2017 at night 07.00 to 12.00 p.m in connection with "Purattasi Pongal Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Thirumeniyamman Kovil, at A.Thoottiyapatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.09.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Pakalavan

For Respondent : Mr.D.Muruganantham,
Additional Government Pleader.**O R D E R**

This Writ petition is filed for issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely AdalPadal performed by Madurai Kalavasal Subinaya Troop scheduled to be held on 11.10.2017 at night 07.00 to 12.00 p.m in connection with "Purattasi Pongal Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Thirumeniyamman Kovil, at A.Thoottiyapatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.09.2017.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional 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 11.10.2017 in connection with "Purattasi Pongal Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Thirumeniyamman Kovil, at A.Thoottiyapatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the respondent on 24.09.2017, 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.

4. The learned Additional 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 respondent/The Inspector of Police, T.Kallupatti Police Station, Madurai District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 24.09.2017 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Adal Padal" programme in connection with "Purattasi Pongal Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Thirumeniyamman Kovil, at A.Thoottiyapatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District, scheduled to be held on 11.10.2017, subject to the following conditions;

(a) the "Adal Padal" Dance programme in connection with "Purattasi Pongal Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Thirumeniyamman Kovil, at A.Thoottiyapatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District, scheduled to be held on 11.10.2017 should be completed before 10.30 p.m., or as may be permitted by the 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



(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 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.

7. The petitioner shall pay a cost of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) to the credit of the Hon'ble Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai, within today, failing which, the order copy shall not be furnished today.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Writs)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Inspector of Police,
T.Kallupatti Police Station,
Madurai District.

+1cc to M/S. S.PAKALAVAN, Advocate, SR.No.82198.

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