



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : 03.05.2018
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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R.THARANI

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W.P.(MD)No.9163 of 2018

M.Muthuganesh : Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi.

2. The Inspector of Police,
East Police Station,
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the second respondent in order dated 17.04.2018 and quash the same and consequently, direct the respondents to give necessary police protection and permit the petitioner to conduct "Adalum Padalum" cultural program during Arulmigu Sree Pathira Kalamankovil Chithirai Pongal festival at 8.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m, Jothi Nagar Kovilpatti Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 06.05.2018 and consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Prabu

For Respondents : Mr.K.Saravanan,
Government Advocate

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed, calling for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the second respondent in order dated 17.04.2018 and quash the same and consequently, direct the respondents to give necessary police protection and permit the petitioner to conduct "Adalum Padalum" cultural program during Arulmigu Sree Pathira Kalamankovil Chithirai Pongal festival at 8.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m, Jothi Nagar Kovilpatti Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 06.05.2018 and consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2018.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal" on 06.05.2018 at about 8.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m, in temple namely, Arulmigu Sree Pathira Kalamankovil Chithirai Pongal, Jothi Nagar Kovilpatti Taluk, Thoothukudi District. He further



submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the first respondent on 16.04.2018, with a request to grant permission and protection to conduct the programme on the above said date. However, the second respondent has considered the said representation and passed the impugned order dated 17.04.2018, rejecting the petitioner's request, hence, the petitioner is before this Court with this Writ Petition.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents submitted that conducting 'Adal Padal' Programme creates disturbance to public peace and also creates law and order problem. He further submitted that so many unwanted and bad activities would take place and hence, he prayed for dismissal of this petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

5. There is no custom or tradition or ritual to organise 'Adal Padal' Programme in any religious festivals. Religious festivals are meant to upgrade the mankind and to make cordiality and harmony between the villagers. But by conducting this 'Adal Padal' Programme that too at midnight so many unwanted activities are taking place which causes law and order problem in the village. As 'Adal Padal' Programme are not customary in any religion, as this programme are not our traditional programmes and as this programmes causes law and order problem, this Court is not inclined to grant any permission for this programme. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(W)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Superintendent of Police, Thoothukudi.
2. The Inspector of Police,
East Police Station, Kovipatti,
Thoothukudi District.

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