



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.05.2018

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE R.THARANIW.P.(MD) No.10556 of 2018

M.Saravana Kumar

... Petitioner

-Vs-

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Tiruchendur 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 to permit the petitioner to conduct the "Adal Padal (Cultural Programme) in the eve of the temple festival of "Arul Megiu Sri Narayanaswamy Thiru Kovil and Arul Megiu Sri Muthumalai Amman Kovil" , at Parammankuruchi Village, Thiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 10.05.2018 from 09.00 p.m to 12.00 a.m and further direct the respondent to give adequate police protection for the above said programme by considering the petitioner's representation dated 27.04.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Sasikumar

For Respondents : Mr.K.Saravanan

Government Advocate

ORDER

This Writ petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to conduct the "Adal Padal (Cultural Programme) in the eve of the temple festival of "Arul Megiu Sri Narayanaswamy Thiru Kovil and Arul Megiu Sri Muthumalai Amman Kovil" , at Parammankuruchi Village, Thiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District on 10.05.2018 from 09.00 p.m to 12.00 a.m and further direct the respondent to give adequate police protection for the above said programme by considering the petitioner's representation dated 27.04.2018.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal" Programme on 10.05.2018 from 09.00 p.m to 12.00 a.m in the eve of the temple festival of "Arul Megiu Sri Narayanaswamy Thiru Kovil and Arul Megiu Sri Muthumalai Amman Kovil" , at Parammankuruchi Village, Thiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the second respondent on 27.04.2018, 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. 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 programme 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/-
Vacation Officer

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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

+1CC to Special Government Pleader in SR.No.65134.

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