



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.05.2018

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE R.THARANI

W.P.(MD) No.10560 of 2018

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Alangudi Police Station,
Pudukkottai 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 protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 05.05.2018 at night 08.00 to 01.00 hours in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Kovil at Mangottai Village, Karampakudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 23.04.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian
For Respondents : Mr.K.Saravanan
Government Advocate

O R D E R

This Writ petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 05.05.2018 at night 08.00 to 01.00 hours in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Kovil at Mangottai Village, Karampakudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 23.04.2018.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct cultural Programme on 05.05.2018 at night 08.00 to 01.00 hours in the eve of "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Kovil at Mangottai Village, Karampakudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the second respondent on 23.04.2018, 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 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 (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Alangudi Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

+1CC to Special Government Pleader in SR.No.65124,
+1CC to Mr.S.Balasubramanian Advocate in SR.No. 65107.

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