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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.10546 of 2018

M.Pitchai Mani ...
Petitioner

-Vs-

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Maraneri Police Station,
   Virudhunagar District. ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.05.2018 to grant permission to conduct the " Kovil Thiruvizha" as well as other programmes and also to conduct the " Adal Padal" on 04.05.2018 at about 09.00 p.m to 01.00 p.m in temple namely, " Shree Mariamman Kovil" at Agrakara Street, Nathikudi Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Palpandi
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 second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.05.2018 to grant permission to conduct the " Kovil Thiruvizha" as well as other programmes and also to conduct the " Adal Padal" on 04.05.2018 at about 09.00 p.m to 01.00 p.m in temple namely, " Shree Mariamman Kovil" at Agrakara Street, Nathikudi Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District.

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2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the villagers jointly decided to conduct "Adal Padal"

Programme on 04.05.2018 at 09.00 p.m to 01.00 p.m. in temple namely, " Shree Mariamman Kovil" at Agrakara Street, Nathikudi Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District. He further submitted that in this connection, a representation was given to the second respondent on 01.05.2018, 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 these 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.

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Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Maraneri Police Station,
   Virudhunagar District.

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