

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.05.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.12902 of 2019

D.Thangarasu

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District - 635 001.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Harur Police Station,
Harur Taluk,
Dharmapuri District - 636 903.

Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to issue a direction to the respondent to grant permission to perform the program of 'Adal padal' on 22.05.2019 at about 06.00 P.M to 11.00 P.M at "Sri Muthu Mariamman Temple festival" is situated at M.Thadampatti Village, Ettiyampatti Post, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District and to provide adequate police protection based on the petitioner's representations dated 04.05 2019.

For petitioner : Mr.S.Mayilnathan

For respondent : Ms.P.Kritika Kamal,
Government Advocate (Cr1. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the respondent to give police protection and permission to the petitioner to conduct a Cultural programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) scheduled to be held on 22.05.2019 between 06.00 PM to 11.00PM in "Sri Mariamman Temple festival" is situated at M.Thandampatti Village, Ettiyampatti Post, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District by considering the petitioner representation dated 04.05.2019.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is a resident of Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District where "Sri Mariamman Temple festival" is situated. The temple festival will be celebrated in the said temple in a very grand and peaceful manner and during the festival, the villagers planned to conduct Cultural programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) on 22.05.2019. In this regard, the petitioner gave a representation to the respondent on 04.05.2019. Since the permission was not granted, the present Criminal Original Petition has been filed.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would further submit that though they have sought for conducting the Cultural programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) on 22.05.2019, due to the Code of Conduct regarding the elections, they are prepared to conduct the Cultural programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi), after 27th May 2019, when the Code of Conduct comes to an end and would pray that on fresh application being given, the Respondent Police may be directed to consider the same and pass orders, on merits and in accordance with law.

5. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent, on instructions, would submit that the respondent have no serious objection. She further submitted that permission may be granted subject to stringent conditions.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the Criminal Original Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The 2nd respondent/The Inspector of Police, Harur Police Station, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District - 606 906, is directed to consider the fresh representation of the petitioner and to give permission and to provide police protection for Cultural Programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) done by "Sri Mariamman Temple festival" is situated at M.Thandampatti Village, Ettiyampatti Post, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District which is to be held after 27th May 2019, subject to the following conditions;

(a) Cultural Programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) done by "Sri Mariamman Temple festival" is situated at M.Thandampatti Village, Ettiyampatti Post, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District which is to be held after 27th May 2019, should be completed before 11.00 p.m.

(b) There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.

(c) Double meaning songs should not be played as they will spoil the minds of students and youths.

(d) No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste shall be played.

(e) No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader, shall be erected at the premises of the programme.

(f) The function shall not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste.

(g) If there is 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 forthwith; and

(h) Similarly, the police is directed to stop the dance programme, if it is conducted beyond the permitted time limit.

(i) The petitioner as well as the organizers shall give a letter of undertaking agreeing to strictly adhere to the above conditions.

7. It is open to the 2nd respondent police to impose any further restrictions or conditions purely in the interest of preserving public order and tranquility. There can be a total ban for putting up any Flex Board representing any community political party or organization.

8. With the above directions, the Criminal Original Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Vacation Officer

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Sub Assistant Registrar

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District - 635 001.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Harur Police Station,
Harur Taluk,
Dharmapuri District - 636 903.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

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