



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.04.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SESHASAYEE

W.P. (MD) No.10356 of 2019

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thirunelveli District,
Office of Superintendent of Police,
Thirunelveli.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Thalayathu Police Station,
Thalayathu,
Thirunelveli.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission to conduct the Summer Festival and cultural events relating to Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District on 6th, 7th and 8th of May, 2019 in accordance with the petitioner's representation dated 5th April, 2019.

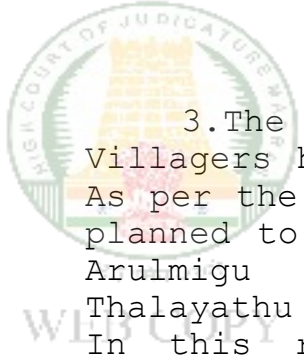
For Petitioner : Mr.RM.Sivakumar

For Respondents : Mrs.S.Bharathi
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents to grant permission to conduct the Summer Festival and cultural events relating to Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District on 6th, 7th and 8th of May, 2019 in accordance with the petitioner's representation dated 5th April, 2019.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the Villagers have conducted the temple festival every year peacefully. As per the tradition and customs, this year also the Villagers have planned to conduct Summer Festival and cultural events relating to Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District on 06.05.2019 to 08.05.2019. In this regard, the petitioner gave a representation to the respondents on 05.04.2019. Since no action has been taken, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondents, on instructions, would submit that the respondents have no serious objection. He further submitted that permission may be granted subject to stringent conditions.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court grants permission to conduct and cultural events relating to Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District on 06.05.2019 to 08.05.2019 and the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

*The second respondent / Inspector of Police, Thalayathu Police Station, Thalayathu, Thirunelveli District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 05.04.2019 and to give permission and to provide police protection for **Summer Festival and cultural events relating to Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District** scheduled to be held on 06.05.2019 to 08.05.2019, subject to the following conditions:-*

(a) programme i.e., **Summer Festival** done in **Arulmigu Sri Petchiamman Temple situated at Rajavallipuram, Thalayathu Taluk, Thirunelveli District** scheduled to be held on 06.05.2019 to 08.05.2019, 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) No donation shall be received from any political party or in the name of any Member associated with any political party.



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

(h) 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

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

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

6. It is open to the second respondent police to put any further restrictions or to impose any 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. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Thirunelveli District,
Office of Superintendent of Police,
Thirunelveli.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Thalayathu Police Station,
Thalayathu,
Thirunelveli.

+1 CC to M/s. RM. SIVAKUMAR, Advocate (SR-63097[F] dated 26/04/2019)

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