



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 08.05.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE T.KRISHNAVALLI

W.P. (MD) No. 10756 of 2019

K. Ranjith Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Kadambur Police Station,
Tuticorin District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 2nd respondents to grant permission and protection to the cultural programme to be conducted by Cini Abinayam at Shri Ambigai Mariamman Temple festival on 10.05.2019 at about 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. in Kadambur, Tuticorin District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.04.2019.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.K. Kannan

For Respondents : Mrs.S.Bharathi

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents to grant permission and protection to conduct the cultural programme in pursuant to the "Shri Ambigai Mariamman Temple festival" on 10.05.2019 at about 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. in Kadambur, Tuticorin District by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 25.04.2019.

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 Cultural programme on 10.05.2019 at 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. In this regard, the petitioner gave a representation to the respondents on 25.04.2019. 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. She 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 Cultural programme on 10.05.2019 at 06.00 p.m and the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The second respondent / Sub Inspector of Police, Kadambur Police Station, Thoothukudi District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 25.04.2019 and to give permission and to provide police protection for Cultural programme, in the festival of "Shri Ambigai Mariamman Temple" scheduled to be held on 10.05.2019, subject to the following conditions:-

(a) Aadal Padal done in " "Shri Ambigai Mariamman Temple" scheduled to be held on 10.05.2019, should be completed before 10.00 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.

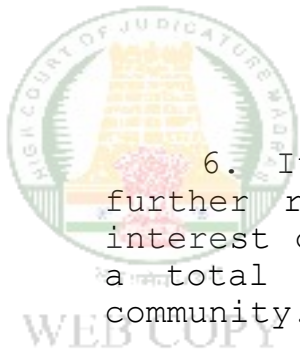
(f) No price shall be given in the name of any political party or in the name of any Member associated with any political party.

(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 dance 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/-

Vacation Officer/
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
2. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Kadambur Police Station,
Tuticorin District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High court,
Madurai.

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