



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.11561 of 2019**

K.Natarajan

... Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The Commissioner of Police,
Trichy District,
Trichy.

2.The Inspector of Police,
K.K. Nagar Police Station,
Trichy District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Karakattam Programme on 22.05.2019 at 8.00 p.m., to 12.30 a.m., in pursuant to the festival of Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District.

For Petitioner : Mr.AN.Ramanathan

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

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Karakattam Programme on 22.05.2019 at 8.00 p.m., to 12.30 a.m., in pursuant to the festival of Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District.

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 the cultural programme i.e. Karakattam Programme on 22.05.2019, in the eve of Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District. In this regard, the



petitioner gave a representation to the respondents on 03.05.2019. 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 the **cultural programme i.e. Karakattam Programme** relating to Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District, on 22.05.2019 and the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

*The second respondent / Inspector of Police, K.K. Nagar Police Station, Trichy District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 03.05.2019 and to give permission and to provide police protection for **cultural programme i.e. Karakattam Programme** relating to Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District, scheduled to be held on 22.05.2019, subject to the following conditions:-*

(a) programme i.e., **Karakattam Programme** relating to Arulmigu Sri Koothayi Amman Temple at K.Sathanur, K.K.Nagar Post, Trichy District, scheduled to be held on **22.05.2019**, 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/-

Vacation Officer

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

To

1.The Commissioner of Police,
Trichy District,
Trichy.

2.The Sub Inspector of Police,
K.K. Nagar Police Station,
Trichy District.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.AN.RAMANATHAN, Advocate (SR-65422[F] dated
09/05/2019)

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