



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.03.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

W.P. (MD) No.6602 of 2019

M.P.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs

The Assistant Election Officer,
No.194, Madurai West Constituency,
Zonal - 1, Madurai Corporation,
Madurai.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the respondent in his proceedings Ma.1 The.1/1882/2019, dated 15.03.2019 and quash the same as illegal, consequently, directing the respondent to permit the petitioner to conduct cultural program namely., Natiyanjali on 05.04.2019 from 6.00 P.M. onwards and a mega Annadhanam on 07.04.2019 from 10.00 A.M. onwards during the temple festival Sri Muthumariamman and Sri Karuppasamy Temple, Balarenganathapuram Village, Maduari District.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar

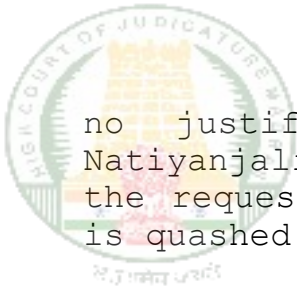
For Respondent : Mr.K.Mu.Muthu
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The petitioner is a devotee of Sri Muthumariamman and Sri Karuppasamy Temple situated at Balarenganathapuram Village. They proposed to conduct temple festival from 05.04.2018 till 07.04.2019. Since the election code of conduct has come into force, the permission from the respondent has to be obtained. The respondent has given permission for conducting certain programs while denying permission for conducting Natiyanjali and Annadhanam. Aggrieved by the partial rejection of the request, this writ petition has been filed.

3.I am of the view that the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner states that only Barathanatiaym performance is going to be conducted. He would further state that feeding the devotees and poor is a traditional feature. I am of the view that there is



no justification for denying the permission for conducting Natiyanjali and Annadhanam. Therefore, insofar as the rejection on the request of the petitioner on these aspects, the impugned order is quashed. The writ petition is allowed. No costs.

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Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Assistant Election Officer,
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Zonal - 1, Madurai Corporation,
Madurai.

+1CC to Mr.T.LENIN KUMAR , Advocate SR.No. 56021.
+1CC to The Special Government Pleader SR.No. 56305.

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