



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 25.03.2019

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SESHASAYEE

W.P. (MD) No. 6955 of 2019

M.Gurusamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Chinnakovilankulam Police Station,
Chinnakovilankulam,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition - filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to grant permission and adequate Police Protection to the Kummi Pattu on 07.04.2019 Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri on 08.04.2019 and Villisai Katcheri on 09.04.2019 to be conducted at the Arulmighu Uchimahaliyamman-Vadakasiamman Temple festival in Atkondarkulam, Sankarankovil Taluk, Tirunelveli District at about 07.00 P.M. to 01.00 A.M. based on the petitioner's representation dated 18.03.2019.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Veerakumar

For Respondents : Mrs.S.Bharathi

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This petition has been filed to direct the respondents to grant permission and adequate Police Protection to the Kummi Pattu on 07.04.2019, Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri on 08.04.2019 and Villisai Katcheri on 09.04.2019 to be conducted at the Arulmighu Uchimahaliyamman-Vadakasiamman Temple festival in Atkondarkulam, Sankarankovil Taluk, Tirunelveli District, at about 07.00 P.M. to 01.00 A.M. based on the petitioner's representation dated 18.03.2019.

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 **Kummi Pattu on 07.04.2019, Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri on 08.04.2019 and Villasai Katcheri on 09.04.2019** at 07.00 P.M. to 01.00 A.M. In this regard, the petitioner gave a representation to the second respondent on 18.03.2019. 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 **Kummi Pattu on 07.04.2019, Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri on 08.04.2019 and Villasai Katcheri on 09.04.2019** up to 11.00 p.m., and the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The second respondent / Inspector of Police, Chinnakovilankulam Police Station, Chinnakovilankulam, Tiruvelveli District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 18.03.2019 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Kummi Pattu Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri and Villasai Katcheri scheduled to be held on 07.04.2019, 08.04.2019 and 09.04.2019, subject to the following conditions:-

(a) programmes I.e., Kummi Pattu, Bhakthi Innisai Katcheri and Villasai Katcheri done in Arulmighu Uchimahaliyamman-Vadakasiyamman Temple festival in Atkondarkulam, Sankarankovil Taluk, Tirunelveli District scheduled to be held on 07.04.2019, 08.04.2019 and 09.04.2019,, 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) No price shall be given in the name of any political party or in the name of any Member associated with any political party.

(h) No speeches supporting or opposing any political party shall be made. No symbol of any political party or picture



of any person affiliated in the political party shall be used.

(i) The function will be conducted in the spirit of function and there will not be a bogey for political parties for the general election, 2019.

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

(k) 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

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

(m) 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 (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

To

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Tirunelveli District, Tirunelveli.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Chinnakovilankulam Police Station,
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+1CC TO MR.T.VEERAKUMAR, Advocate Sr. No. 56481

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