



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Date : 28.03.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P. (MD) No.7380 of 2019

S.Govindasamy

... Petitioner

Vs

The Special Deputy Collector/
Assistant Election Officer,
Sivagangai Parliament Constituency,
Pudukkottai.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus by directing the respondent to permit the petitioner to conduct "Veerapandiya Kattapomman" Drama program scheduled to be held on 30.03.2018 at night hours performed by 6th Mandagapaditharas in connection with "Panguni Perun Thiruvizha" in Arulmigu Sri Muthumariyamman Kovil at Konnaiyur Village Ponnamaravath Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sivalingam

For Respondent : Mr.K.Mu.Muthu

Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side. By consent of both parties this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner is one of the Mandagapaditharar for conducting the petition mentioned festival. The petitioner wants to conduct drama programme on 30.03.2018 during night. Even though he submitted an application to the respondent, till date it has not been considered. Since the petition mentioned event is to be conducted only in connection with the Temple festival, Election code of conduct will not apply.

3. Therefore, the respondent is directed to give permission to the writ petitioner for conducting the drama incorporating appropriate conditions. It is submitted that the event starts around 10.00 a.m and would go upto the early hours. Therefore, while granting permission, the respondent shall not impose any restriction with regard to timings.



4. The Writ Petition is allowed accordingly. No costs.
Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(AD-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS-IV)

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The Special Deputy Collector/
Assistant Election Officer,
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+1cc to Mr.R.Sivalingam, Advocate, SR.No.57408

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