



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.04.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P. (MD) No.8882 of 2019

S.Sankareswaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Virudhunagar District,

2.The Inspector of Police,
Alangulam Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to grant permission to conduct the "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme" to be held on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019 at about 07.00 p.m., for temple festival of "Parasakthi Mariamman Pathirakaliammn Kovil" situated in our locality.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Venkatesan
for M/s.Right Law Associates

For Respondents : Mrs.S.Bharathi
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents to grant permission to conduct the "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme" to be held on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019 at about 07.00 p.m., for temple festival of "Parasakthi Mariamman Pathirakaliammn Kovil" situated in our locality.

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 "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme" on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019 at about 07.00 p.m. In this regard, the petitioner gave a representation to the second respondent on 10.04.2019. 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. He further submitted that permission may be granted subject to stringent conditions.

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5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court grants permission to conduct "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme" on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019 at about 07.00 p.m., and the Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The second respondent / The Inspector of Police, Alangulam Police Station, Virudhunagar District, is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 10.04.2019 and to give permission and to provide police protection for "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme", in the festival of "Parasakthi Mariamman Pathirakaliamm Kovil" at Sundagulam, Alangulam, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, scheduled to be held on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019, subject to the following conditions:-

(a) "Village Cultural and Classical Dance with Bharatham Programme" done in Parasakthi Mariamman Pathirakaliamm Kovil" at Sundagulam, Alangulam, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, scheduled to be held on 12.05.2019 to 15.05.2019, 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.

(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/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Virudhunagar District,
2. The Inspector of Police,
Alangulam Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

+1CC TO M/S. RIGHT LAW ASSOCIATES , Advocate Sr. No. 60930

Order made in
W.P. (MD) No. 8882 of 2019
12.04.2019

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