

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 27.02.2020

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE P.RAJAMANICKAM

CRL.O.P.No.4447 of 2020

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by

The Inspector of Police,
Latheri Police Station,
Latheri, Vellore District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to direct the respondent to consider petitioner's representation dated 15.02.2020 and grant police protection and permission to conduct cultural program (Aadal Padal) at Thangal Village, Vaduganthangal, Vellore District scheduled to be held on 03.03.2020 from 07.00 PM to 11.00 PM.

For Petitioner : M/s.S.P.Arthi

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition has been filed to direct the respondent authority to give police protection and permission to conduct Cultural Programme (Adal Padal) in the event of Arulmigu Sri Ponnamman Tirukoil Temple Festival at Thangal Village, Vaduganthangal, Vellore District on 03.03.2020 between 07.00 PM to 11.00 PM by considering the petitioner's representation dated 15.02.2020.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, would submit that there is likelihood of arising law and order problem.

4. A mere apprehension cannot be a ground to reject the representation. There is absolutely no material before this Court to hold that there will be a law and order problem in the event of permission being granted. In such view of the matter, the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural programme in the event of "Arulmigu Sri Ponnamman Tirukoil Temple Festival" at

Thangal Village, Vaduganthangal, Vellore District, on 03.03.2020, however with the following conditions:-

(a) The aforesaid cultural programme shall be conducted on 03.03.2020 from 07.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m only.

(b) The petitioner shall pay a cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the respondent police towards police protection.

(c) There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.

(d) Double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and youths.

(e) No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste shall be played.

(f) 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 played beyond the permitted time limit.

(j) The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

5. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (C.O.)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Inspector of Police, Latheri Police Station, Latheri, Vellore District.

2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

+1 cc to M/s.S.P.Arthi, Advocate Sr.No. 17436

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