

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 28.02.2020

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE P.RAJAMANICKAM

CRL.O.P.No.4634 of 2020

D.Ashokan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Pudhuchatharam Police Station,
Namakkal District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to direct the respondent to grant permission and protection to conduct cultural event viz., Adal Padal (Song and Dance) Programme to be held on 13.03.2020 at 7.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in connection with the temple festival of "Arulmegu Mariamman Kovil" at Namakkal Taluk & District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 21.02.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ravichandran

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition has been filed to issue direction to the respondent to grant permission and protection to conduct cultural event viz., Adal Padal (Song and Dance) Programme to be held on 13.03.2020 at 7.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in connection with the temple festival of "Arulmegu Mariamman Kovil", situated at Namakkal Taluk & District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 21.02.2020.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing 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 Arulmegu Mariamman Kovil", situated at Namakkal Taluk & District on 13.03.2020, however with the following conditions:-

(a) The aforesaid cultural programme shall be conducted on 13.03.2020 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 allowed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (C.O.)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Pudhuchatharam Police Station, Namakkal District.
2. The Public Prosecutor, Madras High Court, Chennai.

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