

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.01.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

W.P No.711 of 2021

K.Muralidharan

Petitioner

vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Paparapatti Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.

Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to issue direction to the 2nd respondent to give the Bandobust for permission with police protection to conduct the cultural programme and pongal festival on 18/01/2021 at 6.00 P.M to 11 P.M in the event of Pongal Festival, Thalaivasal Maakkanur, Onnepakka Goundanalli, Pennagaram, Ddharmapuri District based on the petitioner's representation dated 05/01/2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Gopinath

For Respondents : Mr.C.Raghavan
Government Advocate

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O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondent police to permit the petitioner to conduct the cultural programme during the Pongal season based on the representation made by the petitioner on 05.01.2021.

2.Heard Mr.R.Gopinath, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr.C.Raghavan, learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3.Under normal circumstances, this Court used to permit conducting of festival during the Pongal season subject to the

conditions imposed by the respondent police. However, we are still grappling with the Covid-19 virus and the State Government and the Police are facing practical difficulties in containing any congregation of people. Therefore, this Court cannot merely issue directions without taking into consideration the ground realities. It is left open to the respondent police to consider the representation made by the petitioner and no positive directions can be given by this Court.

4. In the result, this writ petition stands dismissed. No Costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS VII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri,
Dharmapuri District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Paparapatti Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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