



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R. HEMALATHA

WP(MD)No.1323 of 2021

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K.Nagaraj

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Superintendant of Police,
Thiruchirappalli District,
Tiruchirappalli.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Vaiyampatti Police Station,
Tiruchirappalli.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to give permission and police protection to cultural events to be conducted in connection with Arulmigu Sri Mariyamman Temple Festival at Pommakkammur, Pudukkottai Village, Manapparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District on 28.01.2021.

For Petitioner

:Mr.B.Arun

For Respondents

:Mr.R.Saravana Kumar

Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

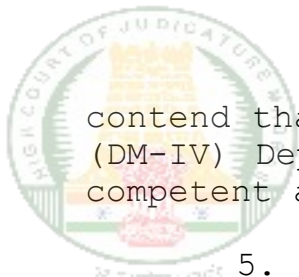
O R D E R

By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final hearing at this admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner has filed this petition seeking permission and police protection to conduct cultural events and for taking the temple bull around the temple in connection with Sri Arulmigu Mariyamman Temple Festival at Pommakkammur, Pudukkottai Village, Manapparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District on 28.01.2021.

3. Mr.B.Arun, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner submitted a representation dated 20.01.2021 to the second respondent seeking permission to conduct the said events and so far, no action has been taken by the respondents.

4. Mr.R.Saravana Kumar, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), would submit that he has served notice for the respondents, on instructions, would



contend that as per G.O.(Ms) No.654 (Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department) dated 21.11.2020, the District Collector is the competent authority to consider the request of the petitioner.

5. In the circumstances, without going into the merits of the claim made by the petitioner, this Court directs the petitioner to submit a representation to the concerned District Collector and on receipt of the same, the District Collector is directed to consider and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order / uploading of the order.

6. With the above observation, this petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

Note: (i) In view of the present lock down owing to COVID-19 pandemic, a web copy of the order may be utilized for official purposes, but, ensuring that the copy of the order that is presented is the correct copy, shall be the responsibility of the advocate/litigant concerned.

To

- 1.The Superintendant of Police,
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Tiruchirappalli.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Vaiyampatti Police Station,
Tiruchirappalli.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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