



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.03.2021

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE **Mrs. JUSTICE R. HEMALATHA**

W.P. (MD)No.4417 of 2021

K.Nallaiya

...Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The District Collector,
Pudukottai District, Pudukottai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Malaiyur Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondents to give permission and police protection to conduct cultural events on 04.03.2021 at 6.00 PM to 11.00 PM in connection with Arulmighu Sri Pattabishega Ramar Thirukovil Festival at Nainan Kollai, Ponnan Viduthi Post, Karambakkudi Taluk, Pudukottai District.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manikandan
For Respondents : Mr.R.Erottuchamy
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

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

2. Mr.R.Erottuchamy, learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) accepts notice for the respondents.

3.Mr.V.Manikandan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an Organizer of the festival committee of Arulmighu Sri Pattabishega Ramar Thirukovil and that cultural event is scheduled to be held on 04.03.2021. His further contention is that he submitted a representation dated 17.02.2021 to the respondents seeking permission to conduct the said programme and till date, no action has been taken by the respondents.



4.The contention of Mr.R.Erottuchamy, learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) is 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.Considering the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), the petitioner, if so advised, can file a fresh petition before the District Collector, Pudukottai District and on receipt of the same, the District Collector is at liberty to pass appropriate orders, based on merits and on findings and in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of the representation of the petitioner.

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

Sd/-

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To

1.The District Collector, Pudukottai District, Pudukottai.

2.The Inspector of Police, Malaiyur Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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