



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.03.2021

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE Mrs.JUSTICE R.HEMALATHA

W.P.(MD)No.5053 of 2021

Ponbanerji

...Petitioner

/Vs./

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Theni Police Station,
Theni District.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to grant permission and police protection to conduct the cultural events scheduled to be held on 18.03.2021 in connection with Arulmighu Sri Sornamahakali Amman Kovil festival at Solaimalai Ayyanar Kovil Street, Bangalowmedu, 32rd Ward, Theni Taluk, Theni District.

For Petitioner
For Respondents

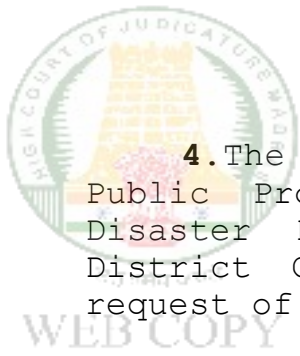
:Mr.N.Saravanan
:Mr.S.Chandrasekar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

2. Mr.S.Chandrasekar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor accepts notice for the respondents.

3. Mr.N.Saravanan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is one of the members of the festival committee of Arulmighu Sri Sornamahakali Amman Kovil, Solaimalai Ayyanar Kovil Street, Bangalowmedu, 32rd Ward, Theni Taluk, Theni District and that cultural event is scheduled to be held on 18.03.2021. His further contention is that he submitted a representation dated 02.03.2021 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.S.Chandrasekar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor 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 said submissions made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, the petitioner, if so advised, can file a fresh petition before the District Collector, Theni 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/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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To

1. The District Collector, Theni District.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District, Theni.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Theni Police Station, Theni District.

**Order made in
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