



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 05.03.2021

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

W.P.(MD)No.4788 of 2021

Ananthamurugan

...Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The District Collector,
Theni,
Theni District.

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

3.The Inspector of Police,
Uthamapalayam Police Station,
Uthamapalayam,
Theni District.

4.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Uthamapalayam, Theni District.

5.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Uthamapalayam, Theni District.

6.The Thasildar,
Cumbum, 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 from 11.03.2021 to 13.03.2021 in connection with Arulmighu Sri Kaliyamman Temple festival, Odaipatti, Uthamapalayam, Theni District based on the petitioner's representation dated 25.02.2021.

For Petitioner

:Mr.C.Susikumar

For Respondents

:Mr.S.Chandrasekar

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

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

3. Mr.C.Susikumar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is a resident of Odaipatti Village, Uthamapalayam, Theni District and that cultural event at Arulmighu Sri Kaliyamman Temple is scheduled to be held from 11.03.2021 to 13.03.2021. His further contention is that he submitted a representation dated 25.02.2021 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.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.In the circumstances, the District Collector, Theni District is at liberty to pass appropriate orders on the representation submitted by the petitioner, based on merits and on findings and in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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