



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.03.2021

CORAM :

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

W.P.(MD)No.5370 of 2021

G.Jeyabal

...Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The District Collector,  
Theni District.

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

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and protection to conduct cultural events on 13.03.2021 in connection with the festival of Arulmighu Sri Muthukaruppanasamy Thirukovil at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manikandan  
For Respondents : Mr.S.Chandra Sekar  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

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

2.Mr.S.Chandra Sekar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor 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 Muthukaruppanasamy Thirukovil at Kottur, Theni Taluk, Theni District and that cultural events are scheduled to be held on 13.03.2021. His further contention is that he submitted a representation dated 01.03.2021 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.Chandra Sekar, 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 facts and 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/uploading of this order.

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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(RTI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
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