



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE R. THARANI**

WP(MD)No.6368 of 2021

Balakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Election Officer / Sub Collector (Special),
Alangudi Legislative Assembly Constituency,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
Pudukkottai(Town) Sub Division,
Pudukkottai District.

4.The Inspector of Police ,
Vallathirakottai Police Station,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to accord permission and to provide Police Protection to conduct Cultural Drama namely Valli Thirumanam from 09.00 P.M. on 22.03.2021 till 1.00 A.M on 23.03.2021 in front of the Sendhakkudi Sri Malai Mariyamman Temple, S.Kulavaipatty hamlet, Kulavaipatty Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District based on the petitioner's representation dated 10.03.2021 given to the respondents 1 to 4.

For Petitioner :Mr.A.Lourduraja

For Respondents :Mr.S.Chandrasekar
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

By consent, this Writ Petition is taken for final hearing.

2. On the side of the petitioner, it is stated that the petitioner has filed a petition before the police and the election officials for granting permission to conduct Valli Thirumanam Drama at the Temple festival of Sendhakkudi Sri Malai Mariyamman Temple, S.Kulavaipatty hamlet, Kulavaipatty Village, Alangudi Taluk. The permission was granted for conducting festival on 22.03.2021 upto 10.00 P.M. The temple festival will be at the night time and



hence permission has to be granted for conducting the Drama from 9.00 p.m on 22.03.2021 till 1.00 a.m on 23.03.2021, the next day morning.

3.On the side of the respondents, it is stated that due to Election, no permission is granted after 10.00 p.m.

4.On the side of the petitioner, it is stated that in the similar circumstances, this Court has ordered and passed similar order in W.P.(MD)No.7380 of 2019.

5.On the side of the respondents, it is stated that the order was passed when there was no declaration of election and when there was no COVID-19 pandemic situation.

6.On hearing both sides, this Court directs the petitioner to approach the respondents once again. The respondents are at liberty to decide the issue afresh in accordance with the situation prevailing in the said locality.

7.With the above directions, the Writ Petition is closed. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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Note: 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.

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