



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R. HEMALATHA

WP(MD)No.6842 of 2021

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PL.Palanichamy

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
Pudukottai District,
Pudukottai.

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

3.The Inspector of Police,
Karaiyur Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to provide permission to conduct cultural events on 08.04.2021 at about 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm in connection with the festival of Arulmighu Sri Badhrakali Amman Temple at Sadayampatti Village, Ponnamaravathi Taluk, Pudukottai District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 19.03.2021.

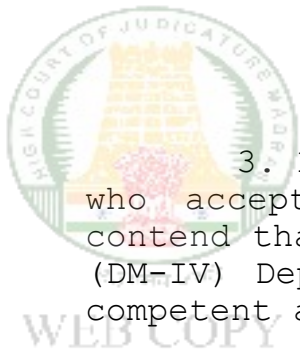
For Petitioner : Mr.K.Sivabalan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Robinson,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

O R D E R

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

2. Mr.K.Sivabalan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the President of the festival committee of Arulmighu Sri Badhrakali Amman Temple at Sadayampatti Village, Ponnamaravathi Taluk, Pudukottai District and that cultural events are scheduled to be held on 08.04.2021. His further contention is that he submitted representations dated 18.03.2021 and 19.03.2021 to the respondents seeking permission to conduct the said programme and till date, no action has been taken by the respondents.



3. Mr.A.Robinson, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) who accepts notice for the respondents, on instructions, would contend 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.

4. In the circumstances, the District Collector, Pudukottai District is at liberty to pass appropriate orders on the representations of 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 the order.

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

Sd/-

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To

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+1 CC to M/s.K.SIVABALAN, Advocate (SR-13620[F] dated 25/03/2021)

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