



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 01.04.2021

CORAM :

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

W.P.(MD)No.7403 of 2021

A.Marimuthu

...Petitioner

/Vs./

1.The District Collector,
Thuthukudi District, Thuthukudi.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpatti East Police Station,
Thuthukudi 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 14.04.2021 in connection with the festival of Arulmighu Sri Poovanatha Udan Urai Senbakavalli Amman Thirukovil at Kovilpatti, Thuthukudi 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 Poovanatha Udan Urai Senbakavalli Amman Thirukovil at Kovilpatti, Thuthukudi District and that cultural events are scheduled to be held on 14.04.2021. His further contention is that he submitted a representation dated 20.03.2021 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, Thuthukudi 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(CRL SIDE)

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To

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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