



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.09.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.ILANGOVAN

W.P. (MD).No.17529 of 2021

V.Pandi Devar

.. Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Kottai Medu, Kamuthi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Abiramam Police Station,
Kamuthi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to grant permission and to provide police protection to the petitioner for conducting the "Kuthirai Yedupu Festival and Gramiya Nattupura Kalai Nigalchi" on 28.09.2021 at Iyyanar Temple Thidal, Mela Pannai Kulam, Keeranur Post, Mudukulathur Taluk, Ramanathapuram District.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Arumugam

For Respondents : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

(This writ petition is heard through video conference)

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 3rd respondent to grant permission and to provide police protection to the petitioner for conducting the "Kuthirai Yedupu Festival and Gramiya Nattupura Kalai Nigalchi" on 28.09.2021 at Iyyanar Temple Thidal, Mela Pannai Kulam, Keeranur Post, Mudukulathur Taluk, Ramanathapuram District.

2.When the matter is taken up for hearing, this Court is of the opinion that since the Covid-19 protocols are extended by the

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Government prohibiting the celebration of festivals and temple festivals, it may not be proper for the Court to pass any order permitting the petitioner to conduct the festival. On that basis this writ petition is to be dismissed.

3.However, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a direction may issued to the third respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner in future after easing of the situation. Such a right is always available to the petitioner. Hence, liberty is granted to the petitioner to make a fresh representation after the situation become normal and eased for conducting the festival. On receipt of the same, the respondents shall consider the same depending upon the situation then exists in future.

4.With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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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.

To

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