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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.04.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

W.P.No.11445 of 2022

Vijayaragunath

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Mecheri Police Station,
Mecheri.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, pleaded to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of writ, directing the second respondent to grant and protection to conduct the temple festival scheduled to be held on 05.05.2022 at about 7.00pm to 10.00 pm at Arulmigu Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple situated at Aattukaranur, Vellar post, Thethigiripatti, Mettur Taluk, Salem District by considering petitioner's representation dated 24.04.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arulselvan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor.

O R D E R

The Writ Petition has been filed to direct the second respondent to permit the petitioner to conduct cultural programme in Arulmigu Sri Sakthi Mariamman Temple situated at Aattukaranur, Vella post, Thethigiripatti, Mettur Taluk, Salem District, on 24.04.2022 between 7.00 pm. and 10.00pm., by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.04.2022.

2. Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents.



3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents submits that the police do not have any reservations on the place, where the function is to be conducted. However, there is an apprehension that some law and order problem may arise during the cultural programme. He would also submit that the Director General of Police, in his proceedings in Rc.No.007301/Genl.I(1)/2019 dated 09.04.2019, has issued circular to the Commissioner of Police, Superintendent of Police and all the Station Housing Officer, directing them to follow the procedure and instruct the petitioner seeking permission to conduct cultural programmes to comply with the conditions and permission may be granted subject to the petitioner agreeing to comply with the said conditions by filing necessary undertaking before the respondent police.

4. The respondent police are directed to grant permission for conducting the cultural programme (ie.,) Adal Padal Dance Programme as sought by the petitioner, with the following conditions:

(a) The Aadal Paadal programme in connection with festival or any cultural programme, SHO should specify the time and the same shall not be later than 10.00 p.m;

(b) double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and the youth;

(c) no songs, touching upon any political party or religion, community or caste be played;

(d) Organizers shall not erect any digital banners/pla cards on either side of the arterial roads, platforms, walkways/major roads and any other roads;

(e) the function should not affect caste, religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination;

(f) if there is any violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned Police Officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance;

(g) similarly, the Police is empowered to stop the programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;

(h) the participants of the programme shall not intake any kind of intoxicating substance or liquor during the programme;

(i) if any untoward incident takes place, the organizers of the programme be made responsible for the same;



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(j) the authority concerned shall videograph the entire programme at the cost of the applicant and submit the CD to the S.P concerned;

(k) Organizers shall have to obtain all other required permission from the authorities concerned;

(l) Any other conditions as the authority concerned consider to impose according to the ground reality".

5. The petitioner is also directed to ensure that the conditions are strictly complied with and also to ensure that no law and order problem is created in the course of conducting the programme. Further, the petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the respondent police towards bundobust charges.

6. The Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above directions.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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