



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED:10.03.2022**

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

WP (MD) . No.4285 of 2022

N.Ayyappan

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.
2. The Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Valliyoor Sub-Division,
Valliyoor,
Tirunelveli District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Palavoor Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
4. L.Mani

... Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court To issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner and his family members to worship and performing poojas in the Poosastha temple, South Karunkulam, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District on ensuing Pankuni Utharam festival to be held on 18.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Pooventhera Rajan

For Respondents : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi,
1 to 3 Additional Public Prosecutor
(Criminal Side).

O R D E R

This Writ Petition is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner and his family members to worship and performing poojas in the Poosastha temple, South Karunkulam, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District on ensuing Pankuni Utharam festival to be held on 18.03.2022.



2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3. In an identical matter, a Division Bench of this Court in an order passed in **W.P. (MD) No.8975 of 2017 dated 10.05.2017 [M.Sakthi Vs. State rep. by the Inspector of Police, Odapatti Police Station, Odapatti, Theni District]**, had granted permission to the petitioner to conduct cultural programme on certain conditions. The said conditions read as follows:

'a) The event shall be conducted in an organised and peaceful manner without causing law and order problem.

b) There shall not be any obscene or vulgar scenes during the dance performance by any one of the participants or others.

c) The cultural Program shall be restricted between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 p.m.

d) If there is any violation of the above said conditions, the respondent or the duly authorised officer is entitled to take necessary action as per law and stop such performance.

e) In case if there is any discrepancy with regard to the date on which the program is to be conducted, it would be open to the respondent police to extend protection on some other day after giving due notice to the petitioner

f) The restrictions have now been lifted and permitted to gather not more than 50 persons for the festival function.'

4. This Court is of the view that similar conditions may also be imposed in the present writ petition. Consequently, the Writ Petition Stands allowed. The third respondent is directed to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure adopted by the Government of Tamil Nadu and grant permission to the writ petitioner to **worship at Poosastha temple, South Karunkulam, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District on ensuing Pankuni Utharam festival on 18.03.2022 from 08.00am to 11.00pm** subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

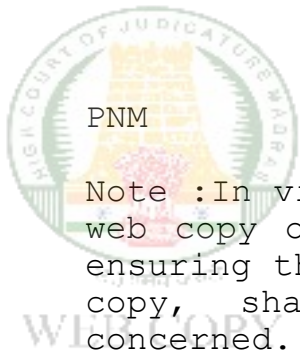
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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.J.POOVENTHERA RAJAN, Advocate (SR-11465[F] dated 11/03/2022)

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