



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.03.2022

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

W.P (MD) .No.4369 of 2022

P.Shanmugam

...Petitioner

**Vs.**

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

2.The Inspector of Police,  
Thottiyam Police Station,  
Thottiyam,  
Trichy District.

...Respondents

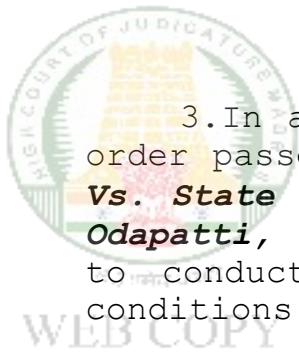
**Prayer** : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct the Annathana Kodi Vizha functions in Arulmighu Sri Ammayee Amman Temple at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District under their supervision, granting permission and police protection to conduct the cultural programme namely 'Siruthondar Drama' is to be held on 15.04.2022 and 16.04.2022 on the basis of the representation of the petitioner dated 23.02.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Prabhu  
For R1 and R2 : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

The Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of Mandamus, seeking a direction to the respondents to conduct the Annathana Kodi Vizha functions in Arulmighu Sri Ammayee Amman Temple at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District under their supervision, granting permission and police protection to conduct the cultural programme namely 'Siruthondar Drama' is to be held on 15.04.2022 and 16.04.2022 on the basis of the representation of the petitioner, dated 23.02.2022.

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 disposed of. The second 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 conduct the cultural program on 15.04.2022 and 16.04.2022 between 6.00 pm., to 11.00 p.m., at Arulmighu Sri Ammayee Amman Temple at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)



To

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Trichy District.

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Thottiyam Police Station,  
Thottiyam,  
Trichy District.

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

+1 CC to M/s.K.ARUNRAJ, Advocate ( SR-11716[F] dated 11/03/2022 )  
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