



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.4418 of 2022

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Meenakshi Sundaram

...Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ponnamaravathy,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Thirumayam Police Station,
Pudukkottai 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 herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the ''Aadalum Paadalum'' dance programme on 15.03.2022 in pursuant to the Panguni Festival of Arulmigu Sri Varachithi Vinayagar Kovil, the above said programme is to be conducted at Varachithi Vinayagar Kovil near in Kollakkattupatti, Thirumayam Post, Melur, Pudukkottai, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2022 and 02.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Mathavan
For R1 to R3 : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor

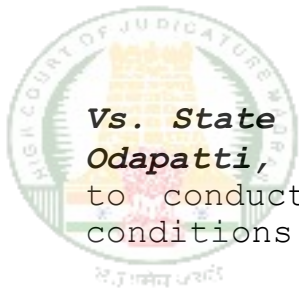
ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of Mandamus, seeking a direction to the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the ''Aadalum Paadalum'' dance programme on 15.03.2022 in pursuant to the Panguni Festival at Varachithi Vinayagar Kovil near Kollakkattupatti, Thirumayam Post, Melur, Pudukkottai, by considering the petitioner's representations dated 01.03.2022 and 02.03.2022.

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**

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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.'

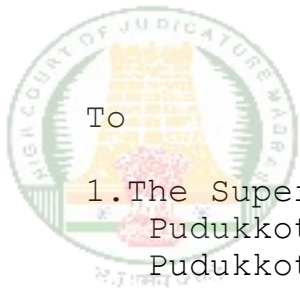
4.This Court is of the view that similar conditions may also be imposed in the present writ petition. Consequently, the Writ Petition Stands disposed of. The third respondent is directed to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure adopted by the Government of Tamil Nadu and grant permission to the writ petitioner to conduct the cultural program on 15.03.2022 between 6.00 am., to 11.00 p.m., at Varachithi Vinayagar Kovil near Kollakkattupatti, Thirumayam Post, Melur, Pudukkottai, subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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

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