



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.03.2022

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

W.P (MD).No.4614 of 2022

S.Jeya Prakash

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Y.Othakadai Police Station,
Madurai District.

.. Respondent

Prayer: Petitioner filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and adequate police protection to conduct "Cricket Tournament" on 19.03.2022 and 20.03.2022 in the festival of the "Sri Vanthai Amman Thirukovil" situated in Gandhi Nagar, Y.Othakadai, Madurai in pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 10.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Rajarajan

For Respondent : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi,
Addl. Public Prosecutor.

O R D E R

The prayer in this writ petition to direct the respondent to grant permission and adequate police protection to conduct "Cricket Tournament" on 19.03.2022 and 20.03.2022 in the festival of the "Sri Vanthai Amman Thirukovil" situated in Gandhi Nagar, Y.Othakadai, Madurai in pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 10.03.2022.

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

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:

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'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 event shall be restricted between 08.00 a.m. and 06.00 p.m.

d)If there is any violation of the above said conditions, the respondent police 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 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 "Cricket Tournament" in connection with "festival" of "Sri Vanthai Amman Thirukovil" on 19.03.2022 and 20.03.2022 between 08.00 am., to 06.00 p.m., at Gandhi Nagar, Y.Othakadai, Madurai District, subject to the aforesaid conditions.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Y.Othakadai Police Station,Madurai District.
- 2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,Madurai.

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