



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED:17.03.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

WP(MD) . No.4684 of 2022

Harish Lakshmanan

... Petitioner

Vs

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

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

3. The Inspector of Police,
Karambakudi Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Aadalum Paadalum dance programme on 24.03.2022 in pursuant to the Panguni Festival of Arulmighu Sri Veeramahaliyamman Kovil, the above said programme is to be conducted at Ambukovil, Karambakudi, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioners representation dated 10.03.2022 and 11.03.2022.

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

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Aadalum Paadalum dance programme on 24.03.2022 in pursuant to the Panguni Festival of Arulmighu Sri Veeramahaliyamman Kovil, the above said programme is to be conducted at Ambukovil, Karambakudi, Pudukkottai District, by considering the petitioners representation dated 10.03.2022 and 11.03.2022.

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 conduct the cultural program on 24.03.2022 between 6.00 pm., to 11.00 p.m., at **Arulmighu Sri Veeramahaliyamman Kovil, Ambukovil, Karambakudi, Pudukkottai District** subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

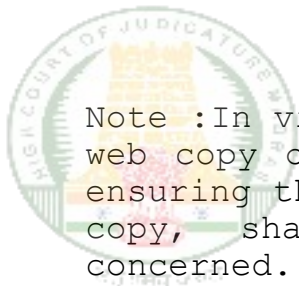
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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

ORDER IN

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