



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.4659 of 2022

S.Murugan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kotampatti Police Station,
Melur, Madurai District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and to perform the Drama programmes "Sri Valli Thirumana Nadagam" (18.03.2022) and "Harichandra Mayana Kandan Nadagam" (21.03.2022) from 10.00 pm to 06.00 am at "Arulmighu Sri Karuppusamy and Arulmigu Duvarapathy Amman Thirukovil" at Katchirapanpatti Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District scheduled to be held on 18.03.2022 and 21.03.2022 and to provide adequate police protection.

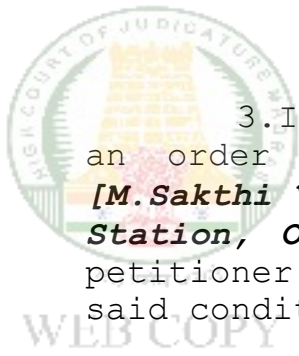
For Petitioner : Mr.S.Madhan Kumar

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

O R D E R

The prayer in this writ petition to direct the the respondents to grant permission and to perform the Drama programmes "Sri Valli Thirumana Nadagam" (18.03.2022) and "Harichandra Mayana Kandan Nadagam" (21.03.2022) from 10.00 pm to 06.00 am at "Arulmighu Sri Karuppusamy and Arulmigu Duvarapathy Amman Thirukovil" at Katchirapanpatti Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District scheduled to be held on 18.03.2022 and 21.03.2022 and to provide adequate police protection.

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



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 event shall be restricted between 06.00 p.m. and 11.00 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 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 "Valli Thirumana Nadagam and Harichandra Mayana Kandan Nadagam" on 18.03.2022 and 21.03.2022 between 06.00 pm., to 11.00 p.m., at Arulmighu Sri Karuppusamy and Arulmigu Duvarapathy Amman Thirukovil" at Katchirapanpatti Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District, subject to the aforesaid conditions.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar



To:

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kotampatti Police Station,
Melur, Madurai District.

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

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