



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 04.04.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P(MD).No.6036 of 2022

Karthikeyan

...Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Periyakulam,
Theni District.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Thenkarai Police Station,
Periyakulam,
Theni 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 3rd respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adal Padal scheduled to be held on 09.04.2022 at night in connection with Panguni Festival in Arulmigu Sri Karupasamy Kalamman Kovil at Lakshmi Puram, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 30.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Jeya Aron Raja
For R1 to R3 : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The prayer in this writ petition is to direct the third respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adal Padal Programme, which is scheduled to be held on 09.04.2022 at night in connection with Panguni Festival in Arulmigu Sri Karupasamy Kalamman Kovil situated at Lakshmi Puram, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District by considering the petitioner's representation, dated 30.03.2022.

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 aadal padal Program shall be restricted between 6.00 pm., 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.

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 09.04.2022 between 6.00 p.m., and 11.00 p.m., at Arulmigu Sri Karupasamy Kaliasman Kovil situated at Lakshmi Puram, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District, subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (W)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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Thenkarai Police Station,
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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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