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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 13.04.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P (MD).No. 7002 of 2022

Sathishkumar ... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Aranthangi Police Station,
   Pudukkottai District. ... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the respondent to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 17.04.2022 at night in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Kudiyalamman Temple at Thanthaani Village, Aranthangi Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by consider the petitioner's representation, dated 14.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian
For Respondents : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R1 & R2

O R D E R

The prayer in this writ petition is to direct the respondents herein to grant permission and to provide police protection to perform the cultural event namely Adalpadal scheduled to be held on 17.04.2022 at night in connection with "Chithirai Festival" in Arulmigu Sri Kudiyalamman Temple at Thanthaani Village, Aranthangi Taluk, Pudukkottai District, by consider the petitioner's representation, dated 14.03.2022.

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

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petitioner therein 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 respondents 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 allowed. The petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) as costs to the credit of Government of Tamil Nadu, CMPRF in IOB, Secretariat Branch, Chennai-9 (Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFSC Code: IOBA0001172) on or before 17.04.2022 and on receipt of the same, 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 the cultural event namely Adalpadal on 17.04.2022 between 6.00 p.m., to 11.00 p.m., at Arulmigu Sri Kudiyalamman Temple at Thanthaani Village, Aranthangi Taluk, Pudukkottai District subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

TO

1. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
   ARANTHANGI, PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.

2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
   ARANTHANGI POLICE STATION,
   PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.

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3. THE OFFICER-INCHARGE,
CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC RELIEF FUND,
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI-9.

4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

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