



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.04.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P(MD)No.9112 of 2022

P.Gopal

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Bodi Division,
Theni District.

2.The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Bodi Town Police Station,
Theni District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adal Padal Programme on 04.05.2022 at 08.00pm to 11.00pm in connection with Thiru Vizha of Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Thirukovil, Thirumalapuram, Bodi Taluk, Theni District.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Bethana Samy

For Respondents : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The prayer in this Writ Petition is to direct the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adal Padal Programme on 04.05.2022 at 08.00pm to 11.00pm in connection with Thiru Vizha of Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Thirukovil, Thirumalapuram, Bodi Taluk, Theni District.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) 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



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 06.05.2022 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 program (ie.,) Adal Padal on 04.05.2022 between 6.00 p.m., and 11.00 p.m., in connection with Thiru Vizha of Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Thirukovil, Thirumalapuram, Bodi Taluk, Theni District, subject to the aforesaid conditions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

- 1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
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Theni District.
- 2.The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Bodi Town Police Station,
Theni District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.
- 4 The Joint Secretary to Government,
CMPRF (Finance Department),
Secretariat Branch,
Chennai-9.

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