



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 18.05.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

W.P(MD) .No.10024 of 2022

Palanimuthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
O/O, The Superintendent of Police,
Trichy District,
Trichy.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Sirukanur Police Station,
Trichy District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to grant permission and police protection to conduct the programme namely 'Aadal Padal' scheduled to be held on 12.06.2022 at about 07.00 p.m and 'Cultural Programme' scheduled to be held on 13.06.2022 at about 09.00 p.m in Arulmighu Sri Muthu Mariyamman Temple, Sri Mooppanar Temple, Sri Oorsuthi Karuppu Temple 'Kumbabhisegam' festival scheduled to be held on 13.06.2022 in the petitioner's village (Alunthalaippoor village, Lalgudi Taluk, Trichy District) on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 06.05.2022.

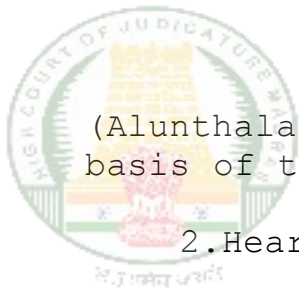
For Petitioner : Mr.M.Sridharan

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar

Government Advocate(Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to grant permission and police protection to conduct the programme namely 'Aadal Padal' scheduled to be held on 12.06.2022 at about 07.00 p.m and 'Cultural Programme' scheduled to be held on 13.06.2022 at about 09.00 p.m in Arulmighu Sri Muthu Mariyamman Temple, Sri Mooppanar Temple, Sri Oorsuthi Karuppu Temple 'Kumbabhisegam' festival scheduled to be held on 13.06.2022 in the petitioner's village



(Alunthalaipoor village, Lalgudi Taluk, Trichy District) on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 06.05.2022.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner's request for conducting the cultural programme has not been acted upon by the respondent police, which prompted the petitioner to file the present writ petition.

4. In identical circumstances, this Court had been granting permission to conduct Adal Padal events and similar cultural events, to various similarly placed petitioners. In the case of **M. Sakthi Vs. State rep. by the Inspector of Police, Odapatti Police Station, Odapatti, Theni District** passed in **W.P. (MD) No. 8975 of 2017 dated 10.05.2017**, a Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court had granted such a permission, with certain conditions. This Court is of the view that if the same conditions imposed in **M. Sakthi's** case (supra) are imposed to the present writ petitioners, the ends of justice could be secured.

5. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the second respondent herein to grant permission to the petitioner to conduct the 'Aadal Paadal' dance programme on 12.06.2022 and 'Cultural Programme' on 13.06.2022 at Arulmighu Sri Muthu Mariyamman Temple, Sri Mooppanar Temple, Sri Oorsuthi Karuppu Temple and 'Kumbabhisegam' on 13.06.2022 at Alunthalaipoor village, Lalgudi Taluk, Trichy District **between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 p.m.**, subject to the following conditions:

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 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.

f) in case, there are rival applicants for the same function, it is open to the Inspector of Police/concerned police to hear their objections and take a decision in accordance with the order passed by this Court.'

g) All the participants shall wear masks and maintain social distancing as per the norms fixed by the Government owing to COVID-19 situation.

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-
Vacation Officer (RTI)

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09/06/2022
Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

To

1. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
O/O. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
TRICHY DISTRICT,
TRICHY.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SIRUKANUR POLICE STATION,
TRICHY DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s. M. SRIDHARAN, Advocate
(SR-23766[F] dated 19/05/2022)

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