



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.06.2022

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.S. SUNDAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

W.P. (MD) .No.12844 of 2022

P.Chinnu ... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Pudukottai District,
Pudukottai.
- 2.The Superintendent of Police,
Pudukottai District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Ponnamaravathy Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission and protection for celebrating Aani Pongal Festival and conducting Manjuvirattu in Sri Ellai Karuppar, Sri Periya Karuppar, Sri Madhavu Karuppar and Sri Ayyannar situated in Karuppukudipatti Village, Thirukalambur Panchayat, Pudukottai District on 26.06.2022, based on the petitioner's representation, dated 16.06.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sivalingam
For Respondents : Mr.S.P.Maharajan
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

(Order of the Court was made by S.S.SUNDAR.J.,)

This Writ Petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission and protection for celebrating Aani Pongal Festival and conducting Manjuvirattu in Sri Ellai Karuppar, Sri Periya Karuppar, Sri Madhavu Karuppar and Sri Ayyannar Kovil situated in Karuppukudipatti Village, Thirukalambur Panchayat, Pudukottai District on 26.06.2022, based on the petitioner's representation, dated 16.06.2022.



2. The petitioner has given a representation on 16.06.2022 to the District Collector and the District Superintendent of Police, to grant permission to conduct Manjuviratu in connection with Aani festival in the village temple.

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3. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Government had issued a G.O., prohibiting the programmes viz., Manjuviratu or Jalli Kattu beyond May of every year. Based on the said G.O., the District Collector, Madurai has already rejected several similar representations and this Court has upheld the order of District Collector, on the basis that the Collector cannot be given permission to conduct Manjuviratu programme beyond May of every year.

4. In these circumstances, this Court is unable to give positive direction to the District Collector to consider the representation of the petitioner. Hence, this Writ Petition is dismissed. However, it is open to the petitioner to approach the Government, if they want any special relief. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS II)

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+1 CC to M/s.R. SIVALINGAM, Advocate (SR-27815[F] dated 23/06/2022)

+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-28222[F] dated 27/06/2022)

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