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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **02.08.2022**

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

W.P(MD)No.17168 of 2022

S.Sankaranarayanan ...Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Kovilpatti West Police Station,
   Thoothukudi 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 respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Adal Padal cultural program on 06.08.2022 at about 07.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in pursuant to the temple Aadi Thabasu Festival of Arulmigu Sri Sankareshwari Amman Temple situated at Veeravanji Nagar, Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District and consider the petitioner's representation dated 28.07.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Prabu

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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O R D E R

This writ petitioner filed this Writ Petition seeking for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Adal Padal cultural program on 06.08.2022 at about 07.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in pursuant to the temple Aadi Thabasu Festival of Arulmigu Sri Sankareshwari Amman Temple situated at Veeravanji Nagar, Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District and consider the petitioner's representation dated 28.07.2022.

2.Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) takes notice for the respondents. By consent, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner seeks permission for conducting the cultural programme viz., “Adal Padal” programme on 06.08.2022 at about 07.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m in pursuant to the temple Aadi Thabasu Festival of Arulmigu Sri Sankareshwari Amman Temple situated at Veeravanji Nagar, Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District. Subsequent to the same, in order to conduct a

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cultural programme, they sought permission of the police by giving a representation dated 28.07.2022. But the respondents have not considered the said representation. Since no order was passed, the petitioner has come before this Court for the above said relief.

4.The learned Government Advocate (criminal side) appearing for the respondents police would submit that the respondents have received the representation of the petitioner and the same is pending for consideration.

5. I have considered the submission of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (criminal side) appearing for the respondents police.

6. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Chennai had issued a circular memorandum in Rc. 007301/Genl.I (1)/2019 dated 09.04.2019 along with instructions to the Inspectors of Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme.

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Therefore, in view of the detailed circular and guidelines issued by the Director General of Police, the second respondent police is hereby directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 28.07.2022 and pass suitable orders based on the above said circular.

7. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Thoothukudi.

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Thoothukudi District.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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