



W.P(MD)No.21316 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.09.2022

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SATHI KUMAR SUKUMARA KURUP

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P.Manikandan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector
Sivagangai District
(Suo motu impleaded vide
order dated 06.09.2022)

2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Manamadurai District

3. The Inspector of Police
Ilaiyankudi Police Station
Sivagangai 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 to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adal Padal Programme on 07.09.2022 at 06.00 pm to 11.00 pm in connection with 16th year Mulaipari Thiru Vizha of Arulmigu Sri Uyyavandha Amman Thirukovil at Naganathapuram village, Kunappanendal post, Ilaiyankudi Taluk, Sivagangai District.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manikandan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the Respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adal Padal Programme on 07.09.2022 at 06.00 pm to 11.00 pm in connection with 16th year Mulaipari Thiru Vizha of Arulmigu Sri Uyyavandha Amman Thirukovil at Naganathapuram village, Kunappanendal post, Ilaiyankudi Taluk, Sivagangai District

2. The term 'Adal Padal ' is not at all connected with spirituality by Singing devotional songs in the temple premises, either it relates to Goddess Mariamman, Lord Muruga, Lord Vinayaga or Lord Siva. does not attract Law and Order Issues. Law and order problem will arise by the term 'Cultural activities'. There had been past incidents resulting in law and order problem based on the so called 'cultural programs' which are not at all related to devotional songs or spirituality. Some other programmes which attracts the provisions of Section 294(b) IPC which, in turn, causes law and order dispute between groups in villages which



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had invited the Director General of Police to issue Circular restricting this sort of so called 'cultural programs'. This Writ Petition is filed seeking permission of this Court against the direction issued by the Director General of Police.

2A. In this case, the District Collector of Sivagangai District is impleaded *Suo motu* as a proper and necessary party as District Magistrate of the District concerned dealing with Law and Order issues.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that there are four cases pending against the petitioner and if this petition is allowed there will be law and order problem.

4. In the light of the apprehension expressed by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor this petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Collector concerned to pass appropriate orders if situation warrants. No costs.

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