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WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **12.10.2022**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE SATHI KUMAR SUKUMARA KURUP**

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Mohanraj

... Petitioner

/vs./

- 1.The District Collector
Pudukottai District
2. The Tahsildhar
Alangudi Taluk
3. The Superintendent of Police
Pudukottai, Pudukottai District.
- 4.The Sub Inspector of Police
Vallathirakottai Police Station
Vallathirakottai
Pudukottai District

... Respondents

(R1 and R2 are *suo motu* impleaded vide order of this Court, dated 12.10.2022 and the original respondents are re-arranged accordingly)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to grant permission and protection for cultural event namely Adal Padal scheduled to be held on



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22.10.2022 at night in connection with Pongal Festival in the month of Iyppasi in Arulmighu Sri Kulandai Vinayakar Temple at Keelaiyur (Therkupatti Natham), Kulavaipatti Post, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District by consider the Petitioner's representation dated 3.10.2022

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian
For Respondents : Mr.R.Sivakumar
Government Advocate(Crl.Side)

ORDER

The Petitioner has filed the above Writ Petition to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to give permission to conduct Pongal Festival in the month of Iyppasi on 22.10.2022 in connection with Arulmighu Sri Kulandai Vinayakar Temple at Keelaiyur (Therkupatti Natham), Kulavaipatti Post, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

2.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) takes notice for the Respondents. By consent, the Writ Petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

3.Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the Respondents.



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4.The learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner would submit that as the aforesaid festival is celebrated in a peaceful manner by the villagers, there will be no untoward incident on account of this celebration.

5.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the Respondents objected to consider the petition stating that there had been rival groups with regard to the temple festival. The festival will be usually conducted on 05.09.2022, since there was group clash peace committee meeting was convened by the Tahsidhar, Alangudi Taluk. He further submitted that in the peace committee meeting one party attended and other party not attended.

6. Considering the submission of the learned Counsel for the Petitioner and the objection of the learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side), the District Collector, Pudukottai District and the Tahsidhar, Alangudi Taluk are *suo motu* impleaded as Respondents 1 and 2, considering the subject matter of the adjudication.



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7. In the light of the above, the first and second Respondents are directed to consider the representation only if both the parties arrive at amicable settlement in the peace talk conducted by the District Collector, Pudukottai and the Tahsildhar, Alangudi and dispose the same. The District Collector in consultation with the Superintendent of Police, Pudukottai District may pass appropriate orders on or before 19.10.2022

8. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Note: Issue Order Copy on 12.10.2022.

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4. The Sub Inspector of Police
Vallathirakottai Police Station
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Pudukottai District
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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