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W.P.No.14225 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : **04.05.2023**

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri,
Dharmapuri District – 636 704.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Mathikonpalayam Police Station,
Dharmapuri Taluk,
Dharmapuri District – 635 205.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first and second respondents to grant permission and police protection to conduct Cultural programme (Adal Padal Nigalchi) in the event of “Sri Mariamman Temple Festival” Nallampatti Village, Maravadi Post, Dharmapuri Taluk,



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Dharmapuri District on 25.05.2023 between 06.00 PM to 11.00 PM by

considering the petitioner's representation dated 21.04.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Surykumaran

For Respondent : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

Seeking permission to conduct cultural programme in the event of **“Sri Mariamman Temple Festival” Nallampatti Village, Maravadi Post, Dharmapuri Taluk, Dharmapuri District**, the petitioner made a representation dated **21.04.2023** to the respondents. As the same has not been considered, the present Writ petition has been filed.

2. By consent, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondents.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), on instructions, would submit that there is likelihood of arising law and order problem.

5. A mere apprehension cannot be a ground to reject the representation. There is absolutely no material before this Court to hold that there will be a law and order problem in the event of permission being granted. In such view of the matter, the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural programme in the event of **“Sri Mariamman Temple Festival” Nallampatti Village, Maravadi Post, Dharmapuri Taluk, Dharmapuri District**, however with the following conditions:-

(a) The cultural programme in connection with the event of **“Sri Mariamman Temple Festival” Nallampatti Village, Maravadi Post, Dharmapuri Taluk, Dharmapuri District**, shall be conducted on **25.05.2023 between 06.00 p.m., to 10.00 p.m.**

(b) Each of the petitioners shall pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each, as charges, to the respondent Police and on receipt of the same, the respondent Police is directed to issue receipt and proceed further.

(c) There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.



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(d) Double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and youths.

(e) No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste shall be played.

(f) No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader, shall be erected at the premises of the programme.

(g) The function shall not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste.

(h) If there is violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned police officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance forthwith; and

(i) Similarly, the second respondent police is directed to stop the dance programme, if it is played beyond the permitted time limit.

(j) The second respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands allowed.

There shall be no order as to costs. The uploaded copy can be utilized for the purpose of execution of the Order.

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