



W.P(MD)No.10511 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28.04.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.9340 & 9342 of 2023

Senthil Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector
The Collector Office,
Sivagangai District.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
RDO Office,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police
Somanadha Puram Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
- 4.Kannan
- 5.Velmurugan
- 6.Viswanathan



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7.Kasinathan

8.Ilango

9.Rathinam

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to take the action on the complaint of the petitioner dated 06.04.2023 and further directing the respondents to take immediate action to prevent breach of public peace in the Amaravathi Village of Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai District, which is imminent to take place in the guise of village temple festival about to take place between 02.05.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Srikanth
for M/s.APN Law Associates

For Respondents : Mr.N.Muthu Vijayan - for R1 to R3
Special Government Pleader

Mr.D.Venkatesh - for R4 to R9



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ORDER

The writ petition has been filed in the nature of a Mandamus seeking a direction against the second respondent / Revenue Divisional Officer, Devakottai, Sivagangai District, to take action on a complaint of the petitioner dated 06.04.2021.

2. The petitioner also seeks further relief that the respondents 4 to 9 or anybody in that group should not do any temple festival in what the petitioner claims was originally Sadayan Andi Temple but was now rechanged to Sadai Andi temple. Atleast the deity is the same.

3. It is pointed out by the learned Special Government Pleader that Peace Committee Meeting was conducted on 27.04.2023 (yesterday) at 11.00 a.m. in which the writ petitioner himself has also participated and decision has been taken that all the parties including the petitioner and all the parties including the respondents 4 to 9, can



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worship in the temple. It is made clear that it is not only the named petitioner or the respondents 4 to 9 alone to come to that particular decision but the entire village, the entire people in the surrounding village, in fact the entire people in the neighbouring District or in the District can also worship in the temple and they can pray for the wellbeing of everybody concerned. Let the temple festival be conducted. The other issue which has been brought up is conducting of what may be called "மாட்டு வண்டி எல்கை பந்தயம்"

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner stated that the permission had not been obtained for the same.

5. It will only be appropriate that in a temple festival, the general public congregate to worship and let that be the main objective and thereafter, after the festival is completed let them participate in joy and mirth after getting permission from the appropriate authorities. The respondents 4 to 9 may be well advised not to conduct this particular festival and if ever they want to do it, again do it with the participation of all parties concerned and after getting necessary permission from the



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official respondents particularly, the Tahsildar and jurisdictional Inspector of Police.

6. The Writ Petition need not be kept pending. It is disposed of with the hope that the deity will have the pleasure of all the people coming to pay their respects. No costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Internet : Yes/No
NCC : Yes / No

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Note : Issue Order copy on 28.04.2023



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