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**WP No.863 of 2024**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATE : 12.01.2024**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH**

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Manivannan S/o. Velu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,  
Erode District.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,  
Bhavani, Erode District.
3. The Inspector of Police,  
Ammamet Police Station,  
Erode District.

... Respondents

Prayer: This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to grant permission and police protection for conducting “Cock Fight” during the Pongal festival from 15.01.2024 to 18.01.2024 at Sempadapalayam Village, Bhavani Taluk, Erode District based on the representation dated 08.01.2024.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V. Elangovan  
For Respondents : Mr.A.Damodaran  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation made by the petitioner on 08.01.2024 and to grant police protection for conducting the Cock Fight from 15.01.2024 to 18.01.2024.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this Cock Fight is being conducted during Pongal festival and even during the previous year, similar writ petition was filed and permission was granted and the event was conducted without giving rise to any law and order problem. The learned counsel submitted that even this time it will be conducted in a smooth manner without causing any law and order problem.

3. Per contra, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor on written instructions from the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent submitted that there is a reasonable apprehension that a law and order problem will be created. The learned



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Additional Public prosecutor submitted that such law and order problem is anticipated since many who participate in the event will be under the influence of alcohol and that there is also a likelihood of caste being the reason for the law and order problem.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner will ensure that no law and order problem is created and that the petitioner must be permitted to conduct the Cock fight as was done in the previous years.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and after carefully considering the apprehension that was raised by the respondent police, this Court is inclined to grant permission for conducting the cock fight for four days i.e on 15.01.2024 to 18.01.2024 subject to the following conditions :-

- (i) It is made clear that such an event shall be supervised by the first respondent as well as by the Veterinary Doctor of nearby Government Veterinary Hospital.



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- (ii) It is further made clear that during the course of conducting 'cock fight', there should not be any injury to be caused to the birds and the birds should not be intoxicated, with any alcoholic substance and no knives should be tied around the legs of the birds, with the tip of the knives dipped in poisonous substances. The Veterinary Doctor shall ensure the same before the actual starting of the event.
- (iii) The petitioner shall bear the expenses towards police protection as well as the expenses towards the Veterinary Doctor.
- (iv) It is made clear that the organizer should take precautionary measures to avoid any untoward incident while conducting the event of cock fight.
- (v) Songs praising communal leader or having communal overtones should not be played.
- (vi) The petitioner will ensure that no flex board or hoardings depicting particular community or leader is



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displayed.

(vii) All the above terms and conditions should be followed scrupulously by the petitioner and the petitioner shall file an affidavit of undertaking to the said effect before the second respondent.

(viii) No one is allowed to enter, except the owner of the Birds which are going to participate in the event.

(ix) There is a separate place allocated for the spectators.

(x) According to the conditions, eligible birds are only allowed to participate in the event. If there are any objections being raised, it is left open to the concerned police officer to take a decision.

(xi) If at any time, any law and order problem is created, it will always be left open to the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent to abruptly stop the entire event and take action against the concerned persons in accordance with law.



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6. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

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**Note :** Issue order copy on **12.01.2024**

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