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W.P.(MD)NO.8498 OF 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.04.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.8498 of 2024

Vasantha

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Sub Collector / Assistant Returning Officer,
Thanjavur Parliament Constituency,
Pattukottai Division,
Thanjavur District.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.
3. The Tahsildar,
Peravoorani Taluk, Peravoorani,
Thanjavur District.
4. The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai(Town) police station,
Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.
5. The Assistant Returning Officer,
Peravoorani Division, Thanjavur District.

(R-5 is *suo motu* impleaded vide order dated 04.04.2024)

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 3 to grant permission for conducting “Karakattam” on 10.04.2024 at Arulmigu Naadiyamman Kovil situated at Pannavayal, Peravoorani Taluk, Thanjavur District.



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For Petitioner : Mr.C.Jeganathan

For R-1,R-3 & R-5 : Mr.D.Sasikumar,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R-2 & R-4 : Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner seeks permission to conduct Karakattam on 10.04.2024 in connection with the petition mentioned temple festival. The petitioner was constrained to move this writ petition because similar request made by the other organizers had been rejected.

2. My attention is drawn to letter No.4711/Ele.VIII(2)/2024-1 dated 25.03.2024 issued by the Chief Electoral Officer calling upon all the District Election officers to not to refuse permission for performing folk dances. I therefore direct the fifth respondent to grant permission as sought for by the petitioner. The petitioner shall be permitted to conduct the petition mentioned event. It is open to the fifth respondent to stipulate appropriate conditions. The



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petitioner is expected to adhere to the same. This writ petition stands allowed accordingly. No costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
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Note : Issue order copy on 05.04.2024.

To:

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