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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 14.08.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
O/o. the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Srivilliputhur,
Virudhunagar District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Krishnankovil Police Station,
Watrap Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records on the file of the second respondent in connection with the impugned rejection order passed by him vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.No.19ki.ka.va/Thiruvi/2024 dated 09.08.2024 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to perform the cultural programme (i.e.) Adal Padal on the eve of Sri MuthuMari Amman Temple Festival (Pongal Vilazh) at



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Thatco Colony Sundarapandiyam Village, Virudhunagar District which is to be held on 16.08.2024 from 07.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. based on the writ petitioner's representation in person on 07.08.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.S.Vaigunth

For Respondents : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The Writ Petition is directed against the rejection order dated 09.08.2024 passed by the second respondent and for directions to the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to perform the cultural programme (i.e.) Adal Padal on the eve of Sri Muthu Mari Amman Temple Festival (Pongal Vilazh) at Thatco Colony, Sundarapandiyam Village, Virudhunagar District, which is to be held on 16.08.2024 from 07.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. based on the writ petitioner's representation in person on 07.08.2024.

2. Mr.P.Kottai Chamy, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) takes notice for the respondents. By consent, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner would submit that “Pongal Vilazh” of Sri Muthu Mari Amman Temple, Thatco Colony, Sundarapandiyam Village, Virudhunagar District, is going to be held from 14.08.2024 and subsequent to the same, in order to conduct “Adal Padal” programme on 16.08.2024, they sought permission by giving a representation dated 07.08.2024 before the second respondent, that the second respondent has passed the impugned order dated 09.08.2024 rejecting the permission and that therefore, the writ petitioner was constrained to approach this Court.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents would submit that they may be permitted to conduct the Adal Padal programme on 16.08.2024 from 07.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and the organizers may be directed to follow the conditions, which were given by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in ***W.P(MD)No.12535 of 2023, dated 24.05.2023.***

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner would submit that they will follow the directions of the



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Hon'ble Division Bench without any deviation.

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6. It is necessary to refer the directions issued by the Hon'ble Division Bench in ***W.P.(MD)No.12535 of 2023, dated 24.05.2023.***

“15. Therefore, this Court, in order to give a quietus to such issues, disposes of this writ petition with the following directions:

(a) On the seventh day from the date of the receipt of the representation, for the conduct of the cultural program (Adal Padal), associated with any temple festival, if the authorities do not take steps either to grant permission or reject permission, there shall be a deemed permission on the eighth day;

(b) On such deemed permission, the organisers, who shall be the responsible members of the festival committee, shall ensure that only cultural programs having some relevance to the temple or the festival in question would be conducted and there shall not be any obscene display/dance being conducted;

(c) The program shall not extend beyond 10 p.m.;

(d) No women participating in the cultural program would be depicted or portrayed in an obscene or undignified manner either in the form of clothing or otherwise;



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(e) The music that shall be used shall be in sync with the precincts of the temple and double meaning songs should not be played;

(f) There shall be no supply of alcohol or any intoxicating material in and around the area where cultural program is scheduled to be held;

In case of violation of any conditions, it is open to the authorities to initiate such action as is required under law and the persons who are the organisers/committee members shall be held responsible. The Public Prosecutors shall ensure circulation of this order to the Superintendent of Police of all the Districts for issuing suitable instructions to their subordinate officers. No costs.”

7. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Chennai had issued a circular memorandum in Rc.007301/Genl.I (1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, along with instructions to the Inspectors of Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme. Therefore, in view of the detailed circular and guidelines issued by the Director General of Police and taking note of the



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undertaking on behalf of the writ petitioner that they will follow the direction of the Hon'ble Division Bench and also the fact that the writ petitioner's representation for conducting Adal Padal programme came to be rejected, the writ petitioner is directed to give a fresh representation to the second respondent seeking permission and on such receipt of the same, the second respondent is directed to consider the same and pass suitable orders based on the above said circular.

8. With the above directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Note : Issue order copy today (14.08.2024)

To

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- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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