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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.12.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

and

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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Seeni.Chella Vinoth @ Vinoth

: Petitioner

Vs.

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by,

1.The Secretary to Government,

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The District Collector,

Office of the District Collector,
Thanjavur District.

3.The Superintendent of Police,

Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District.

4.The Inspector of Police,

Adirampattinam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

: Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent herein to notify the petitioner's village namely Pazhanjur, Pattukottai Taluk, Thanjavur District in the Government Gazette so as to conduct “Vada Manju Virattu” to be held on 3rd day of Thai Tamil Month of every year based on the petitioner's representation dated 13.11.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.M.Karunakaran

For Respondents 1 & 2 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar

Government Pleader

For Respondents 3 & 4 : Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi

Government Advocate [Crl. Side]

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by **M.S.RAMESH, J.**]

By consent of both sides, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the first respondent herein to notify the petitioner's village namely Pazhanjur, Pattukottai Taluk, Thanjavur District in the



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Government Gazette, so as to conduct “Vada Manju Virattu” to be held on 3rd day of Thai Tamil Month of every year based on the petitioner's representation dated 13.11.2024.

3.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents 1 to 4 on 13.11.2024, to notify the petitioner's village for conducting Manju Virattu. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

4.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

5.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's



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representation dated 13.11.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four [4] weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

6.With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[M.S.R.,J.] & [A.D.M.C.,J.]

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