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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.02.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

W.P.No.6899 of 2025

and

W.M.P.No.7605 of 2025

N.Devanathan

.... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Panruti Range, Cuddalore District,
Cuddalore.

2. The Circle Inspector of Police,
Neelikuppam Range,
Cuddalore District,
Cuddalore.

3. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Nellikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District, Cuddalore.

.... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of 1st respondent vide in his proceedings Na.Ka.No.10/Ka.Thu.Ka/Pa/2025 dated 18.02.2025 and quash the same and consequently directing the respondents to grant permission and



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police protection to conduct " Cock Fight " in the event of celebrating Chief Minister Birthday at Karammanickakuppam Village Iyyanar Kovil back side, Panruti, Cuddalore District on 15.03.2025, 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m. To 06.00 p.m.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Thenrajan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the impugned order of the 1st respondent, dated 18.02.2025 and to direct the respondents to grant police protection and permit the petitioner to conduct Cock Fight scheduled to be held on 15.03.2025 and 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m., to 06.00p.m., in the event of celebrating Chief Minister Birthday at Karammanickakuppam Village Iyyanar Kovil back side, Panruti, Cuddalore District.

2. The petitioner averred that the Cock Fight is one of the ancient festival game being organized and conducted throughout Tamilnadu on various occasions the same is having deep roots in our Tamil Culture



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through generations and which reflects traditions and ways of life. He further averred that he will assure that the cocks/roosters will not be harmed and it is simply a traditional event of farmers and the Cock Fight conducted last year in many districts of Tamilnadu was held peacefully without causing harms and disturbance to the birds, persons and law and order problems on 19.01.2024 especially held in Theni District as per the guidelines of Hon'ble High Court as mentioned in the writ petition in W.P.No(MD)No.31534 of 2024. Therefore, the petitioner along with others are conducting " Cock Fight (Vetrukkal Seval Sandai) on behalf of the Hon'ble Tamilnadu Chief Minister's Birthday which is on 01.03.2025, but on the same day there is another tournament which is on 01.03.2025 going to be take place at Thiruvalluvar District. Hence, they are planning to conduct the Cock Fight (Vetrukkal Seval Sandai) on 15.03.2025 and 16.03.2025 at Karamanikuppam Iyyanar Kovil backside in private land. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation to the first respondent, seeking permission to conduct Cock Fight on 15.03.2025, 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m. To 06.00 p.m. The respondent, without considering the above circumstances, mechanically rejected permission



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to conduct Cock Fight for the reason that if they conduct Cock Fight, there will be a law and order problem. Hence, the present Writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submits that this Court has already dealt with similar issue in W.P.(MD)No.24385 of 2024. Hence, he prays to quash the impugned order dated 18.02.2025 and for granting permission to conduct cock fight on 15.03.2025, 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m. To 06.00 p.m.

4. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents would submit that the petitioner had given a representation on 18.02.2025 for conducting Cock Fight to be held on 15.03.2025 and 16.03.2025 and the same was rejected by the first respondent, since there is a direction from the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu/Head of State Police Force, Tamilnadu in RC.No.6898194/Crime 4(3)2024 dated 13.03.2024 regarding conduct of events involving animals and birds across the State and they are ready to follow the aforesaid circular and that the writ petitioner may be permitted to give fresh representation and that they are ready to consider the same.



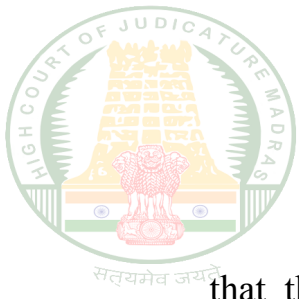
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5. I have heard the learned Government Advocate appearing or the respondents, who would submit that, in the name of 'cock fight' since no untoward incidents be allowed to happen in the locality, the respondents police are more cautious in granting permission and therefore, if the conditions imposed by this Court in the earlier orders for granting permission for conducting 'cock fight' are imposed along with some additional conditions to ensure the smooth conducting of such function, the respondents would consider the said request of the petitioner for grant of permission or police bandobust.

6. I have considered the said submissions made by both sides.

7. Like that, similar orders were passed in the year 2014 also in W.P.No.47 of 2014 on 07.01.2014. Even in the last year i.e., 2017, a detailed order has been passed in W.P.No.5687 of 2017, by order dated 10.03.2017. All these years, the said writ petitions had been filed by the petitioner on behalf of the group of people, who organise and conduct such 'cock fight'. In view of the earlier orders passed by this court, pursuant to which, the function as well as the 'cock fight' since had been smoothly run by the petitioner and his group, this court is of the view



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that there can be no impediment in granting similar direction to the respondents for this year also for the consideration of granting of permission and police bandobust for the petitioner for conducting the function and the 'cock fight'. Accordingly, the following orders are passed in this writ petition.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and taking note of the detailed circular and guidelines issued by the Director General of Police, the impugned order dated 18.02.2025 passed by the first respondent is hereby set aside.

9. The respondents are directed to grant permission and give police bandobust to the petitioner and his group of persons, who are the organisers of Festival celebrations for conducting cock fight from on 15.03.2025, 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m. To 06.00 p.m. by imposing 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 organiser 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 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.



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(viii) The petitioner volunteers to donate a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten Thousand only) to any one of the Orphanages in the District and payment of proof shall be produced before the second respondent.

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

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

(xii) According to the conditions, eligible birds are only allowed to participate in the event. If there is any certain objections being raised, it is taken to the concerned police office to take a decision.”

10. It is made clear that the aforesaid conditions shall be strictly followed by the petitioner and his group in all the two days and in the entire function from on 15.03.2025, 16.03.2025 between 09.00 a.m. to 06.00 p.m. and if any violation of these conditions is reported, the respondents police are at liberty to take appropriate action against the petitioner and his group.



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11. With these observations and directions, this Writ Petition is allowed. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed. The uploaded copy can be utilised for the purpose of execution of the Order.

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To

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4. The Public Prosecutor,
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