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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **06.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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L.Saravanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District, Theni.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Kadamalaikundu Police Station,
Theni District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection for conducting the Cock Fight on 23.05.2026 and 24.05.2026 at Kadamalaikundu Village, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District in the event of Pongal Festival.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Karthic Rajan

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar

Government Advocate (Crl.)



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ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection for conducting Cock Fight on 23.05.2026 and 24.05.2026 at Kadamalaikundu Village, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District in the eve of Pongal Festival.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the Cock Fight is celebrated in the eve of Pongal Festival on 23.05.2026 and 24.05.2026 at Kadamalaikundu Village, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District and the permission for the said cock fight has been granted by the respondent police.

3. Even though permission for the conduct of cock fight is granted by the respondent police recklessly, this Court is of the considered view that the cock fight for two days i.e on 23.05.2026 and 24.05.2026 at Kadamalaikundu Village, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District, shall be allowed 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.

(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 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



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going to participate in the event.

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(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 2nd respondent to abruptly stop the entire event and take action against the concerned persons in accordance with law.

4. This writ petition is disposed with the above directions.

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2. The Inspector of Police,
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Theni District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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