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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

WP Crl.(MD) No. 5821 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Uthamapalayam, Theni District

2. The Inspector of Police, Gudalur North Police Station, Uthamapalayam Sub-Division, Theni District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorafified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned proceedings of the first respondent in Na.Ka.No.18/K5Ps/Gudalur Circle Police Station 2026, dated 22.10.2026, quash the same in so far as it refuses permission for the proposed “Aadal Padal” and consequently direct the respondents to grant permission to conduct the proposed festival and its associates “ aadal Padal” on 27.10.2026 and 28.10.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. D.Rameshkumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Counsel for State of TN (Crl.)

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ORDER

The writ petition is filed seeking to issue a Writ of Certiorafified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned proceedings of the first respondent in Na.Ka.No.18/K5Ps/Gudalur Circle Police Station 2026, dated 22.10.2026, quash the same insofar as it refuses permission for the proposed “Aadal Padal” and consequently, direct the respondents to grant permission to conduct the proposed festival and its associates “ aadal Padal” on 27.10.2026 and 28.10.2026.

2.It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu issued two circulars bearing Rc.No.159539/Crime.4(3)/2018, signed on 31.10.2018 and Rc.007301/GenlI(1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, wherein instructions have been given to the Inspectors of Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme.

3. In view of the above, the impugned order dated 22.10.2026 is hereby quashed insofar as it refuses permission for the proposed “Aadal Padal”. This Writ Petition is allowed on the following conditions:-

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(a) The petitioner is permitted to conduct Adal Padal program on 28.10.2026 from 08.00 p.m., to 10.00 p.m., in Arulmigu Sri Manthaiamman Kovil situated at Munusamy Kovil Street, Gudalur, Uthamapayalam Taluk, Theni District.

(b) 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;

(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;

(g) None of the songs or dances performed in the said programme shall exhibit any political tone, tenor, or colour, nor shall they relate to or promote any religion, community, or caste.

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(h) Organizers shall not erect any digital banners/placards on either side of the arterial roads, platforms, walkways/major roads and any other roads;

(i) the function should not affect caste, religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination;

(j) the Police is empowered to stop the programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;

(k) if any untoward incident takes place, the organizers of the programme be made responsible for the same;

(l) the organizers shall have to obtain all other required permission from the authorities concerned;

(m) Any other conditions as the authority concerned consider to impose according to the ground reality.

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.

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   Uthamapalayam,
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2. The Inspector of Police,
   Gudalur North Police Station,
   Uthamapalayam Sub-Division,
   Theni District

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

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