

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29/2/2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH

Writ Petition No.7329 of 2016

Mr.P.Sakthi

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police  
Salem District.
2. The Inspector of Police  
Omalur Police Station  
Salem District (Rural). ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to give permission to conduct Gramia Nadana Natiya (dance) Programme in the event of Sri Kottai Mariamman Kovil Masi Thiruvizha on 3/3/2016 between 7 p.m to 10.30 p.m., at Sri Kottai Mariamman Kovil, Thidal Omalur, Salem District.

For Petitioner ... Mr.T.Shanmugam

For respondents ... Mr.S.V.Durai Solaimalai  
Additional Government Pleader

O R D E R

With the consent of the learned counsel appearing on either side, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal, at the admission stage itself.

2. Heard Mr.T.Shanmugam, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.S.V.Durai Solaimalai, learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents.

3. Seeking permission to conduct cultural programme, on 3/3/2016, at Sri Kottai Mariamman Kovil, Thidal Omalur, Salem District, the petitioner made a representation, dated 19/2/2016, to the second respondent. As the same has not been considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader, on instructions, would submit that there is likelihood of law and order problem.

5. A mere apprehension cannot be a ground to reject the representation. There is absolutely no material before this Court to hold that there will be a law and order problem in the event of permission being granted.

6. In such view of the matter, the writ petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural programme on 3/3/2016 at Sri Kottai Mariamman Kovil, Thidal Omalur, Salem District, however with the following conditions:-

(a). The cultural programme in connection with temple Festival at Sri Kottai Mariamman Kovil, Thidal Omalur, Salem District, to be held on 3/3/2016 between 06.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

(b). There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.

(c). Double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and youths.

(d). No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste be played.

(e). No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader be erected.

(f). The function should not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste.

(g). If there is any violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned police officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance; and

(h). Similarly, the police is entitled to stop the dance programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time.

(i). The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.  
No costs.

Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Superintendent of Police,  
Salem District.
2. The Inspector of Police,  
Omalur Police Station,  
Salem District (Rural).

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+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.12887

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