



WP (MD) No.4554 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.07.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

**WP(MD)No.4554 of 2023
and
WMP(MD)No.4269 of 2023**

Natarajan

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The District Collector,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.
- 2.The Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Karaikudi Taluk,
Sivagangai District.
- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Kallal Police Station,
Sivagangai District.



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6.Natchiyappan (Poosari)

7.Subramanian

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondent Nos.1 to 5 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.07.2002 seeking to open the lock and seal of Shri Periyannayagi Amman Temple situated at Melapoongodi Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai District and consequently direct the respondents to conduct poojas and other rituals in the said temple without any hindrance.

For petitioners : Mr.T.Palanisamy

For Respondent : MrGV.Vairam Santhosh,
Nos.1 to 4 Special Government Pleader

For Respondent : Mr.Vaikkam Karunanidhi
No.5 Government Advocate

For Respondent :Mr.D.Senthil
No.7

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.07.2022, which was submitted to open the lock and seal of a temple.



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2.The petitioner is the devotee of a temple viz, Periyanaigai Amman Temple situated at Melapoongodi, Karaikudi Taluk, submitted a representation to the respondents 1 to 5 on 25.07.2022 that the said temple has been locked by the 7th respondent and therefore, all the devotees are deprived from worshipping in the temple.

3.Considering the issue that the temple has been locked by the 7th respondent, this Court without expressing anything on the merits of the case, directs the respondents 4 and 5 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.07.2022 and pass appropriate orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. This writ petition is disposed of accordingly.No costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes / No

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