



W.P.(MD)No.18120 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 01.08.2023

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THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE D.NAGARJUN

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... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thiruvadanai Range, Ramanathapuram District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Thondi Police Station,
Thondi, Ramanathapuram District.

3.The Panchayat President,
Thiruvetriyoor Village,
Thiruvadanai Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos.1 and 2 to grant permission and protection for the temple festival, namely, “1008 Vilakku Pooja” on 04.08.2023 at 05.30 P.M. in Arulmigu Sri Pahampriyaal Samathe Srik Valmiganatha Swami Temple situated at Thiruvetriyoor Village, Ramanathapuram District.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Vijayaraja

For Respondents : Mr.SS.Madhavan
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking for a direction to the respondent Police to grant permission for conducting of 1008 Vilakku Pooja on 04.08.2023 at 05.30 pm., in Arulmighu Sri Pahampriyaal Samathe Sri Valmiganatha Swami Temple at Thiruvetriyoor Village, Ramanathapuram District.

2. According to the petitioner, except COVID-19 period, he has been conducting the said poojas in a big way and more than 1000 women devotees would attend to perform the poojas simultaneously. The petitioner has filed pictures and paper clippings to show that every year, the said pooja is being performed. It is submitted that the respondent No.3, who is stated to be the Panchayat President, with an ulterior motive has filed a complaint before respondent Nos.1 and 2 Police asking them not to grant permission to the petitioner to perform poojas unless the venue of the poojas is shifted.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) on the other hand, submits that, the unofficial respondent No.3 has raised some objections. However, the objections made by him is not considered.



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4. Considering the circumstances, the respondent Police are directed to provide permission by imposing usual conditions for conducting the festival in a peaceful and smooth manner.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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NCC:yes/no

Index:yes/no

Internet:yes/no

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Note : Issue order copy by **02.08.2023**

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3.The Panchayat President,
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Ramanathapuram District.

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



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