



W.P(MD)No.29855 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 24.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Madurai District,
Madurai.
- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City,
Madurai.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Kappalur,
Thirumangalam,
Madurai District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Thirupparankundram Taluk Office,
Thirunagar,
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- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Thirupparankundram Police Station,
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6.M.Ganesan
7.M.Mahalingam
8.Palanivel
9.M.Marikannan
10.Velmariyappan
11.Thirumoorthi
12.Kali Velusamy
13.M.Mani

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1, 3 and 4 to permit the petitioner and his family for performing rituals on 02.11.2025 including Pongal offerings and first tonsure ceremony (Mottai) at the Arulmigu Karaimurugan Temple situated at wet bank of Panangulam Kanmai, Thiruparankundram, Madurai and to ensure that no individual or group interferes with the petitioner's lawful practice of religion at the temple, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.09.2025, within the time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Pandiyaraj

For Respondents : Mr.R.Ragavendran
Government Advocate
for R.1, R.3 & R.4

Mr.A.Albert James
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
for R.2 & R.5

Mr.K.K.Mahesh Raja
for R.6 to R.13



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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The writ petitioner is a resident of Koothiyarkundu. The family deity is housed in a temple situated on the banks of Panangulam kanmoi, Thirupparankundram. It is a temple belonging to a group of families. The petitioner has developed differences with his pungalies. The petitioner states that he is being prevented from making pongal offering and also performing the first tonsure. To facilitate him to do so, this writ petition has been filed.

3.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the private respondents entered appearance through their counsel. It is stated that Thiru.Ganesan / sixth respondent herein has been chosen as the temple poojari. The petitioner states that he will not challenge the status of Thiru.Ganesan or any other person who has been chosen as poojari. The private respondents have also expressed that they have no objection for the petitioner to come and make the customary offering. They only insist

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that the petitioner cannot to do any pooja on his own. He must do it through the poojari chosen by the pangalies.

4.The petitioner states that he and his family members will be present in the temple premises on **02.11.2025 at 10.00 a.m.** Thiru.Ganesan / sixth respondent should preferably be present. If he is unable to be present, any person authorised by him should be present. The said person must officiate as poojari and facilitate the petitioner to offer his customary worship. The petitioner gives an undertaking before this Court the he will extend his fullest co-operation.

5.Recording the consensus arrived at between both the parties, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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