



W.P(MD)No.30936 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 05.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.30936 of 2025

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.24133 of 2025

1.K.Mahalingam

2.P.Sethu Narayanan

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Joint Commissioner,,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Board,
Ellis Nagar, Madurai District.

2.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Board,
Ellis Nagar, Madurai District.

3.The Fit Person,
Arulmighu Valagurunathasamy and
Angala Eswari Thirukovil,
Melanesaneri, Kallikudi Taluk,
Madurai.

4.K.Seeni Thevar

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the



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Respondents No.1 to 3 to conduct the proposed Kumbabishekam on 03.11.2025 after placing the Panchaloha Idol of Arulmighu Vala Gurunathav Swami in the sanctum and the same shall remain in the temple for worship until all disputes are resolved by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 26.10.2025.

For Petitioners : Mr.B.Saravanan, Senior Counsel,
For M/s.B.Saravanan Associates.

For Respondents : Mr.P.Subbaraj,
Spl. Government Pleader for R1 & R2.
Mr.S.Manohar for R3
Mr.R.Ramachandiran for R4

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The writ petitioners are resident of Melanesaneri Village. There is a temple dedicated to Arulmighu Vala Gurunatha Swamy. The consorts are Angala and Eswari. In the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, there are idols of Angala and Eswari alone and there is no permanently installed idol of Vala Gurunathar Swamy (Moolar). The idol of Vala Gurunathar Swamy worshipped by the public is in kept in what is known as temple house maintained by the fourth respondent. The case of the



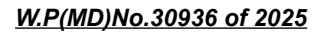
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writ petitioners is that the idol should be permanently installed in sanctum sanctourm and that it cannot be kept in the exclusive custody of the fourth respondent.

3.The stand of the fourth respondent is that the temple is in existence for more than 200 years and the customary practice is that the idol will be brought from the temple house of the fourth respondent to the temple on every Tuesday and Friday. He also submitted that the devotees are free to come to the temple house and offer their worship on other days also.

4.Kumbabishekam for the temple was scheduled to be held on 03.11.2025. This writ petition was moved last week and the prayer made therein was that the idol in the custody of fourth respondent should permanently installed in the sanctum sanctourm.

5.I passed an interim order that the idol after Kumbabishekam shall be not removed until further orders from this Court.



8. In this background, an *adhoc* arrangement will have to be worked out. The fourth respondent undertakes that the idol will be traditionally carried and kept in the temple from morning till evening on every Tuesday and Friday. That apart, on three more days i.e., every Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the idol will be kept in the temple between 05.30 pm to 07.30 pm. Thereafter, it will be taken back to the



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temple house of the fourth respondent. This arrangement will abide by the outcome of the legal proceedings instituted elsewhere.

9.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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