



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Contempt Petition No. 621 of 2026

N.Vengadam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.V.Sabarmathi
The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department
Salem-635 001.

2.K.Raja
The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department
Combined Buildings
Nethimedu
Salem-636 001.

3.K.Krishnan
Thakkar/Executive Officer
Arulmigu Sendraya Perumal Temple
Konur Village, Mettur Taluk
Salem District.

4.D.Dhanraj
Inspector
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department
Mettur, Mettur Taluk
Salem District.

...Respondents



Prayer: Contempt Petition is filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, praying to punish the respondents herein for their wilful disobedience in not keeping up their promise/statement made by them and recorded by this Court in the order dated 29.05.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.No. 19593 of 2025 on the file of this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Mani

For Respondents : Mr.N.R.R. Arun Natarajan
Special Government Pleader (HR&CE)

ORDER

Today, when the matter came up for hearing, Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department [HR&CE] submitted that the temple authorities have not committed any violation or disobedience of the order of this Court in W.P.No.19593 of 2025 vide order dated 29.05.2025 as fixed by the temple authorities on the eve of “Maha Kumbabhishekam”, which was scheduled to be held on 08.06.2025. He further submitted that all the public devotees, and other donors worshipped the “Sri Sendraya Perumal Temple” and the respondents have not raised any objection during the said festival.



2. In response, learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the photographs filed by the respondents would clearly show that the rival parties have actively participated on the eve of “Maha Kumbhabhishekam”.

3. On perusal of records as well as the photographs filed by the temple authorities and other connected typed set of papers, it reveals that some of the respondents, public, and other devotees had also appeared in the function. Therefore, all the photographs would show that the rivalry parties have participated on the eve of “Maha Kumbhabhishekam”. Therefore, this Contempt Petition is not sustainable, but, as on date, there is no dispute with regard to participation of in the said temple. However, the original petition in respect of Trustees “Sri Sendraya Perumal Temple” is pending before the Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department, Salem-635 001, and the parties are at liberty to workout the remedy before the Joint Commissioner, the first respondent herein, in the manner known to law.



4. In view of the above findings, this Contempt Petition shall stand closed.

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2.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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T.V.THAMILSELVI., J.

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