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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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S/o. Govindhan,
North Street,
Vadamalaiyanur Village,
Thirukovilur Taluk,
Kallakurichi District.

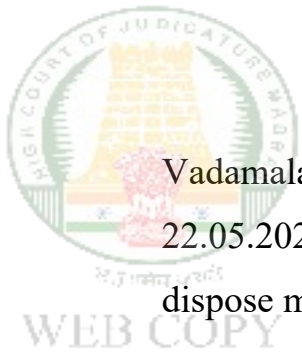
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thirukovilur,
Kallakurichi District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thirukovilur Police Station,
Thirukovilur,
Kallakurichi District.
3. Ayyanar
S/o. Krishnagounder,
Vadamalaiyanur Village,
Thirukovilur Taluk,
Kallakurichi District.
4. Ayyanar
S/o. Thangaraj Gounder,
Vadamalaiyanur Village,
Thirukovilur Taluk,
Kallakurichi District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 and 2 to grant police protection to conduct Throupathi Amman Temple situated at



Vadamalaiyanur Village, Thirukovilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District on 22.05.2026 and for the period 02.06.2026 to 10.06.2026 by consider and dispose my representation dated 04.02.2026 pass such further or orders.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Esakkimuthu

For Respondent(s): M/S. LEONARD ARUL JOSEPH SELVAM
ADDITIONAL PP
ASSISTED BY HARSHANA. T FOR R1 & R2

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to grant police protection to conduct temple festival in Throupathi Amman Temple situated at Vadamalaiyanur Village, Thirukovilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had sent a representation on 04.02.2026 seeking police protection during the temple festival in Throupathi Amman Temple situated at Vadamalaiyanur Village, Thirukovilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District on 22.05.2026, 02.06.2026 to 10.06.2026.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a hereditary custodian of the said temple and there are five donors who have rights to conduct temple festival. According to the petitioner, the temple festival



was held from the year 1955 to 1983 and thereafter from the year 1984, the said five donors participated in temple festival. Since there was some dispute in conducting rituals in the temple, the temple festival was not conducted from the year 1984 to 2025. Now the petitioner seeks police protection to conduct temple festival for the present year.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 submitted that since there were rival claimants over the rituals of the temple, the Revenue Divisional Officer had called the petitioners and other counter petitioners for enquiry and they appeared for enquiry on 10.03.2026, however, unable to furnish any documents and thereafter, the enquiry has been postponed to 08.05.2026.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted on 08.05.2026 the petitioner would appear before the Revenue Divisional Officer along with the supporting documents.

6. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that on 08.05.2026 the petitioner shall appear before the Revenue Divisional Officer and the Revenue Divisional Officer would cause an enquiry and pass appropriate orders and thereafter, the respondent police would provide adequate protection as per the direction of the Revenue Divisional Officer.



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7. Recording the submission of the learned Additional Public Prosecutor,
this Writ Petition is disposed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To:

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Thirukovilur,
Kallakurichi District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thirukovilur Police Station,
Thirukovilur,
Kallakurichi District.
3. Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court.



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