



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 13640 of 2026

A.Radhakrishnan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government,
Tourism Culture and Religious
Endowments Department, Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department, 119,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai - 600 034.

3.The District Executive
Magistrate/District Collector,
Salem Town - 636 001.

4.The Commissioner of Police,
Line Medu, Salem - 636 006.

5.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department, Nethimedu,
Salem - 636 002.

6.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department, Nethimedu,
Salem - 636 002.

7.The Fit Person,
Arulmigu Mariamman Temple,
Allikuttai, Veeranam Main Road,
Salem- 636 017.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, directing the respondents 2 to 6 to take appropriate action and make necessary arrangements for smooth conducting of the upcoming Annual Pooja Festival at 7th respondent



temple by considering petitioners representations dated 30.01.2026 and 01.04.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Radhakrishnan (P-in-P)
For Respondent: Mr.S.Rajesh for R1
Government Advocate
Mr.S.Ravichandran for R2,3,5 to 7
Additional Government Pleader (HR&CE)
Mr.V.Meghanathan for R4
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. Heard the party-in-person, learned Government Advocate, learned Additional Government Pleader and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials placed on record.

3. This writ petition has been filed for a direction, directing the respondents 2 to 6 to take appropriate action and make necessary arrangements for smooth conducting of the upcoming Annual Pooja Festival at 7th respondent temple by considering petitioners representations dated 30.01.2026 and 01.04.2026.

4. It is the case of the petitioner that he is a devotee and Kattalaidharar of the 7th respondent temple, he made representations on 30.01.2026 and 01.04.2026 for smooth conducting of upcoming annual festival, since, no



effective steps or arrangements have been made, this writ petition is filed.

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5. The learned Additional Government Pleader on instructions submitted that the Sitharai Thiruvizha will be conducted by allowing the petitioner/party in person as Ubayadarar and the abhishekam and poojai will be performed as per the customary practice.

6. Recording the submissions of the learned Additional Government Pleader, there shall be a direction to the respondents to conduct the pooja as per the prevailing customary practice. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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