



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 23620 of 2026

A/m.Ponkaliamman And Periya Mariamman
Temple, Rep by its Non-hereditary Trustee,
Palanisamy,S/o.Vadivel,
No.2/110,East Munjanur,
Munjanur,Namakkal,Tamilnadu-637403

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Ponkaliamman and Mariamman
Temples,Munjanur,Tiruchengode Taluk,
Namakkal District.
2. The Hindu Charitable and Endowment
Department,
Rep.by the Deputy Commissioner,
Namakkal,Namakkal District.
3. The Hindu Charitable and Endowment
Department,
Rep by the Assistant Deputy Commissioner,
Namakkal,Namakkal District.
4. M.C.Mohan,
S/o. Chinnasamy Gounder, Kalar Kadu,
Munjanoor Post, Thiruchengodu Taluk,
Namakkal District.
(R4 Impleaded vide order dated 02.07.2026 made
in WMP.27890/2026 in WP.23620/2026 by KRJ)

..Respondent(s)



PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to give permission to conduct the A/m.Ponkalamman and Periya Mariamman Temple festival for 18 days, within a stipulated period that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Srinivasan

for M/s.S.Sujatha

For Respondent(s): Mr.Veerabathran Prasanth

Government Counsel for R1 to R3

Mr.S.V.Karthikeyan for R4

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and necessary protection to conduct the festival of Arulmigu Ponkalamman and Periya Mariamman Temples for a duration of 18 days, within a stipulated time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. When the matter came for hearing on 02.07.2026, this Court has passed the following order:-

“After making certain arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel appeared for the impleading respondent accepted for the suggestions made by this Court that they will nominate two persons in each group to conduct the Temple festival and three persons to be nominated by the Executive Officer among the general public.



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2. *All parties are directed to provide the list of persons nominated to conduct the Temple festival in a peaceful manner on the next hearing date.*

3. *Post the matter on 08.07.2026 under the caption “for orders”.*

3. Pursuant to the direction issued by this Court, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner filed a Memo dated 08.07.2026 nominating the following persons as Trustees:-

1. V. Palanisamy, S/o.Vadivel,
No.2/110, East Munjanur,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadue – 637 403

and

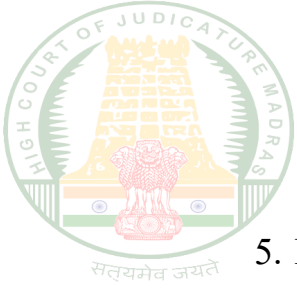
2. R. Venkatachalam, S/o.Ramasamy
2/24, Amman Koil Kadu,
Tiruchengode, Munjanur,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadue – 637 403

4. The learned counsel for the 4th respondent also filed a Memo dated 08.07.2026, nominating the following villagers as Trustees to form a committee.

1. M.C.Mohan, S/o.Chinnasamy Goundar,
Kalar Kadu, Munjanur Post, Thiruchengodu Taluk,
Namakkal District

and

2. M.Sankar, S/o.Minor Goundar
Ponkoil Kadu, Munjanur Post,
Thiruchengodu Taluk,
Namakkal District.



5. Further, the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE)

Department recommended the following persons as Trustees to conduct the Temple festival:-

1. Shanmugam, S/o. Pazhani Goundar
1/77, Sennakalakadu, Koothampalayam, Munjanur.

2. Ramasamy, S/o. Sukramani Goundar
2/23, Konangadu, Munajur

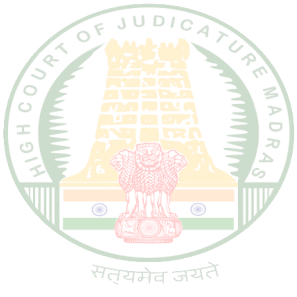
and

3. Sivam, S/o. Rangasamy Goundar
2/10, Sekankadu, Munjanur.

6. In view of the submissions made above, this Court is inclined to constitute a Special Committee to conduct the festival of Arulmigu Ponkaliamman and Periya Mariamman Temples for a duration of 18 days, commencing from 21.07.2026 to 07.08.2026. Accordingly, the following persons are hereby appointed as Trustees to conduct the said festival:-

**1. V. Palanisamy, S/o.Vadivel,
No.2/110, East Munjanur,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadue – 637 403**

**2. R. Venkatachalam, S/o.Ramasamy
2/24, Amman Koil Kadu,
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**3. Shanmugam, S/o. Pazhani Goundar
1/77, Sennakalakadu, Koothampalayam, Munjanur.**

**4. Ramasamy, S/o. Sukramani Goundar
2/23, Konangadu, Munajur**

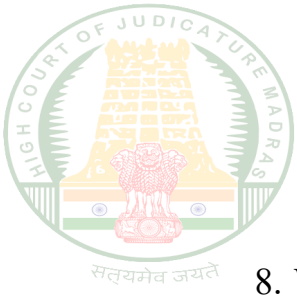
**5. Sivam, S/o. Rangasamy Goundar
2/10, Sekankadu, Munjanur.**

**6. M.C.Mohan, S/o.Chinnasamy Goundar,
Kalar Kadu, Munjanur Post, Thiruchengodu Taluk,
Namakkal District**

and

**7. M.Sankar, S/o.Minor Goundar
Ponkoil Kadu, Munjanur Post,
Thiruchengodu Taluk,
Namakkal District.**

7. The Committee of Trustees newly appointed by this Court is directed to conduct the Arulmigu Ponkaliasman and Periya Mariamman Temple festival in a peaceful and orderly manner. All decisions regarding the conduct and management of the festival shall be taken by the Committee based on a majority. Furthermore, if any change of date is required with respect to the festival schedule, the Committee is at liberty to decide the same.



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8. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

9. Post this matter *“for reporting compliance” on 17.08.2026.*

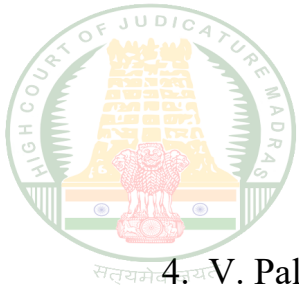
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Namakkal District.
2. The Deputy Commissioner,
Hindu Charitable and Endowment Department,
Namakkal, Namakkal District.
3. The Assistant Deputy Commissioner,
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