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W.P.Crl.No.1456 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

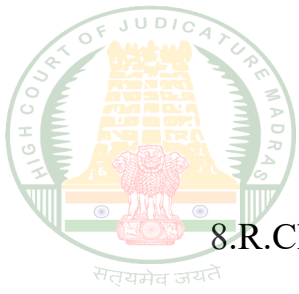
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S.Vanagamudirajan

... Petitioner

VS.

- 1.The District Collector,
Ariyalur,
Ariyalur District.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Udayarpalayam,
Ariyalur District.
- 3.The Thasildhar,
Jayankondam,
Ariyalur District.
- 4.The Superintendent of Police,
Ariyalur,
Ariyalur District.
- 5.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Jayankondam,
Ariyalur District.
- 6.The Inspector of Police,
Udayarpalayam Police Station,
Ariyalur District.
- 7.K.Thirumavalavan



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8.R.Chandirakasan

9.A.Desikan

10.Somasundaram

11.P.Rajaraja Cholan

12.D.Santhosh Kumar

13.R.Ravi

14.R.Ezhilarasan

15.P.Ramachandran

16.A.Arul

17.V.Annadurai

18.T.Selvarasu

19.P.Karunanithi

20.S.Cheperumal

21.Thangabalan

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1 to 6 respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 02.06.2026 and to take action against the respondents 7 to 21 for violating the order dated 27.05.2026 passed by the 2nd respondent in Proceedings No:M.C.A3/01(126 BNSS) 2026 and pass orders within a stipulated time fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.L.Poovendra Perumal

For R1 to R6 : Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

For R8, R10 and
R15 to R18 : Mr.V.Illanchezian

For R9, R20 and
R21 : Mrs.R.Divya

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction, directing the respondents 1 to 6 to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 02.06.2026 seeking appropriate action as against the respondents 7 to 21 for violating the order passed by the 2nd respondent vide Proceedings No:M.C.A3/01(126 BNSS) 2026, dated 27.05.2026.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.



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3. In the petitioner's village, there is a dispute between four groups with regard to worship and priest appointment for the Kalamman Temple situated at Parukkal Village, Udayarpalayam Taluk, Ariyalur District. The 6th respondent kept the temple under lock and key. It was challenged by one Desikan before this Court in W.P.No.6670 of 2025 and for a direction to the respondents 5 and 6 herein to unlock and return the keys of the temple to the petitioner therein for performing daily pooja to the deity at the said Temple. By an order dated 26.02.2025, this Court appointed one Veeramani as a common person to perform the daily pooja to the deity Kalamman Temple situated at Parukkal Village, Udayarpalayam Taluk, Ariyalur District.

4. However, it was not complied with and as such, the said Veeramani filed contempt petition in Cont.P.No.2080 of 2025 before this Court. This Court by an order dated 30.07.2025 directed the 6th respondent herein to open the temple and poojas shall be performed by two persons from 'A' party and two persons from 'B' party. Further, this Court directed if any claim of pooja relief of both the parties, they are at liberty to approach the Civil Court for appropriate relief. However, it was not complied with and as such, the said Veeramani filed sub application in the said Contempt Petition in Sub Application No.932 of 2025, in which this Court directed to



handover one set of key to 'A' party and another set of key to 'B' party to conduct their daily poojas as directed by this Court. After compliance of the said order, the contempt petition was closed.

5. Thereafter, on the representation submitted by the Villager, the 2nd respondent conducted enquiry and passed an order that 'B' party illegally constructed new Kalamman Temple and directed them to maintain *status quo*. Thereafter, in the month of May-2026, 'A' party sought permission for conducting function for the Old Kalamman Temple. Simultaneously, the 'B' party sought permission for conducting function for the New Kalamman Temple. However, the 2nd respondent again conducted enquiry and passed an order on 27.05.2026 that there would be law and order issue between 'A' and 'B' parties to conduct festival in both Old and New Kalamman temple and directed both 'A' and 'B' parties to maintain *status quo*.

6. Thereafter, the respondents 7 to 21 namely 'B' parties conducted Kumbabishegam function for the New Kalamman Temple on 29.05.2026. However, there is no law and order problem. After a period of one month, on 26.06.2026 there are cases registered in Crime Nos.220 of 2026 and 222



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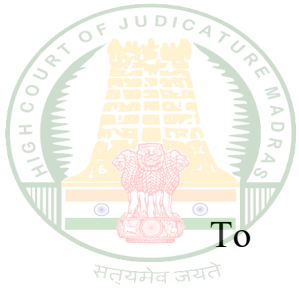
of 2026 as against both 'A' and 'B' parties with regard to other allegations and not related to conduct of Kumbabishegam to the New Kaliamman Temple. Therefore, the representations submitted by the petitioner seeking appropriate action as against the respondents 7 to 21 for violation of the order passed by the 2nd respondent dated 27.05.2026 cannot be considered and the writ petition is devoid of merits and dismissed.

7. As already directed by this Court in W.P.No.6670 of 2025, dated 26.02.2026, if any party claim any right over the above said Temples, they are at liberty to approach the Civil Court for appropriate relief.

8. Accordingly, the Writ Petition (Criminal) is dismissed. No costs.

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