



W.P.Crl.No.1020 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.06.2026

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CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

WP.Crl.No.1020 of 2025 and
WPMP.Crl.No.488 of 2025

P.Nedunchezhiyan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector of Villupuram,
Villupuram-605 602.

2.The Sub Divisional Administrative Magistrate and sub Collector of
Tindivanam,
Tindivanam-604 001.

3.The Tahsildar of Gingee,
Gingee, Villupuram-604 202.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Tindivanam Police Station, Villupuram-604 001.

5.Regional Joint Officer,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Collectorate Master Plan Complex,
Villupuram-605602.

6.P.Elumalai

7.E.Ramaswamy

8.E.Pantcharam

(respondents 6 to 8 impleaded by this Court
as per order dated 09.06.2026 made in
WPMP.Crl.No.197 of 2026 in
WP.Crl.No.1020 of 2025)

... Respondents

Prayer:

Writ Petition(Crl.) filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India



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praying to issue a WRIT OF Certiorarified MANDAMUS calling for the record of the second respondent pertaining to the order dated 13.09.2024 made in file No.CMC No.08/2024 and quash the same and direct the 1st and 2nd respondents allow to conduct the Aadi festival in Mariyamman temple in Eechur Village and allow the petitioner to carry the karagam with peacefully to perform rituals in Mariyamman temple at Eechur Village of the Petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Nandagopalan

For Respondents

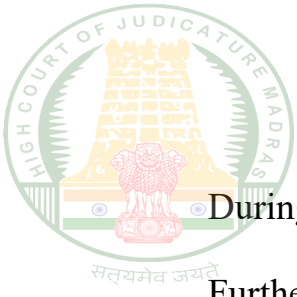
For R1 to 5 : Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar,
Counsel for Government
of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the second respondent dated 13.09.2024 thereby directing both the groups not to enter the temple and conduct any pooja under Section 164 of BNSS.

2. The counter parties i.e. respondents 6 to 8 disputed in respect of conducting poojas and other performance for the temple Sri Muthumariyamman temple for the kumbabishekam to be conducted on 15.09.2024. Therefore, there was law and order issue and as such, the matter was referred before the second respondent to conduct enquiry.

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During the enquiry, both the parties did not come for any resolution.

Further the temple is situated at Government land and all the general public are worshipping the said deity. However, both the groups claimed right over the temple with regard to performing poojas to the temple during the festivals and kumbabishekan of the said temple. That apart, another writ petition is pending in WP.No.26783 of 2024 in this regard on the file of this Court. Now the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner as well as respondents 6 to 8 will abide by any condition imposed by the second respondent to conduct poojas and other performance for the said Sri Muthumariamman Temple situated at Hill of Eechur, Tindivanam Taluk, Villupuram District.

3. In view of the above submission, the petitioner as well as respondents 6 to 8 are directed to submit representation before the second respondent to the extent that they will abide by the conditions imposed by the second respondent while conducting poojas for regular festival for the said Sri Muthumariamman Temple. On receipt of the said representation, the second respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders.



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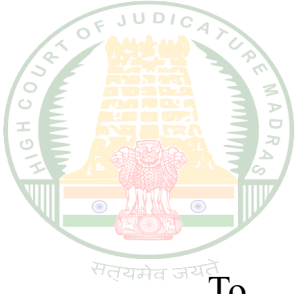
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4. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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High Court of Madras



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