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W.P.Crl.No.1322 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

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A.M.S.Ameenullah

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Director General of Police,
Tamil Nadu Police,
Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore,
Chennai – 600 004

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Mayiladuthurai,
Mayiladuthurai District.

3.The District Collector,
Mayiladuthurai,
Mayiladuthurai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to provide adequate police protection to the holy Antique Quran registered under the Antiques and Art Reserve Rules, 1973 bearing Regn. No.318 based on the petitioner's representation to the 1st respondent dated 24.04.2025 within the time frame fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Shivakumar
for M/s.K.M.Vijayan Associates

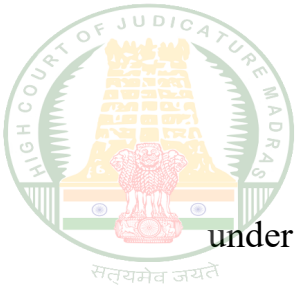
For Respondents : Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction, directing the respondents to provide adequate police protection to the Holy Antique Quran registered under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules, 1973 bearing Registration No.318, based on the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 24.04.2025 before the 1st respondent, within the time frame fixed by this Court.

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

3. The petitioner is one of the follower of Islamic Religion. He owns an Antique Holy Quran, which is of the 17th Century. It was also registered



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under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules, 1973 and issued Certificate of Registration. It is made up of handmade papers and its leaves are handwritten consisting of 19 leaves. It is in possession by the petitioner's family for time immemorial. It is of high treasure value and a special piece of work which is 17th Century and requires careful Antiquity Treasures. Therefore, considering its safety, this Court issued a direction to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner seeking police protection in W.P.No.25248 of 2008.

4. Subsequently, the police protection was granted to the Holy Antique Quran, which includes setting up a barricade in front of the petitioner's house and patrolling of local police for four to five times near and around the petitioner's house. Day by day, it is withdrawn by the Police Department and it is not continued so far.

5. The learned Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents submits that the petitioner's entire house is under surveillance and already the patta passbook is maintained by the Police under the surveillance of the patrol regularly.



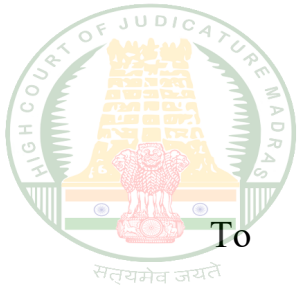
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6. In view of the above, the 3rd respondent is directed to continue the police protection by setting up a barricade in front of the petitioner's house in order to protect the Holy Antique Quran, which is registered under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules, 1973 bearing Registration No.318, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition (Criminal) is disposed of. No costs.

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