



*Tr.CMP(MD)No.173 of 2026
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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Reserved on : 13.07.2026

Delivered on : 07.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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1.Karur District Sagaja Nalvazhvu Sangam
represented by its President
Anoor Village, Thumbivadi Post,
Aravakuruchi Taluk and Karur District.

2.Sri Ramachandra Mission
represented by working committee member,
GovindaIyengar,
Thumbivadi Post, Aravakuruchi Taluk and
Karur District, having headquarters at
Babuji Memorial Ashram,
SRCM Road, Manapakkam,
Chennai-600125.

3.S.Thilagavathi

**Petitioners 1 and 2/
Defendants 1 and 2**

**3rd Petitioner/
20th Defendant**



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4.T.Sengottuvalan

5.A.Shanthi

**4th Petitioner/
40th Defendant**

**5th Petitioner/
67th Defendant**

Vs

1.The Idol of Arulmighu Anooramman Temple
Graciously present at Arulmighu Anooramman
Temple
Thumbivadi Village, Aravakuruchi Taluk,
Karur District.

2.The Idol of Arulmighu Jayankondamman Temple,
Graciously present at Arulmighu Jayankondamman Temple
Sengalapuram hamlet of Thumbivadi Village,
Aravakuruchi Taluk, Karur District.

**Respondents 1 and 2/
Plaintiffs**

3. J. Ganesh

4. S.M. Muneeshwaran

5. R. Thilagavathi

P.Sivasubbramanian (Deceased)

S.D.Mohanraj (Deceased)

6. T.P.K.Prasad

7. R. Hemalatha

8. A. Jesudass Gnanakiristy

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9. J. Jegadheesan

10. V. Latha

11. P. Sumathi

12. M. Alli

13. R. Eswari

P.Rajammal (Deceased)

K.Gandhimathidevi (Deceased)

14. S. Jeeva

15. T. Balan

**Respondents 3 to 15/
Defendants 3 to 19**

16. E. Abbas

17. S. Chandrika

18. K.G. Ravindran

19. M. Ramesh

20. M. Prasanna

21. R. Arthi

22. R. Balasubramaniam

23. K.G.Karthikeyan

24. T. Vijayalakshmi

25.C. Ganeshkumar

26. S.R. Udhayakumar

27. V. Jeyakanth

28. G. Uma Maheswari

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29. A. Angamuthu

30. A. Arul Selvam

31. V. Amsaveni

32. R. Sornam

33. A. Raju

34. G. Balamurugan

**Respondents 16 to 34/
Defendants 21 to 39**

35. M. Panneerselvam

36. K. Saravanan

37. P. Saravanan

38. T. Gnanasekaran

39. B. Bhuvaneshwari

40. C. Natarajan

41. S.R. Suresh

42. P. Kanagaraj

43. Uma Maheshwari

44. G. Padmini

45. N. Dhanabal

46. S. Vijayalakshmi

47. Kirija

Dr.D. Thilagavathi (Deceased)

48. T. Harikrishnan

49. P. Thangavelrajan

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50. D. Sathyaprakash

51. N. Subbulakshmi

52. M. Thiyagarajan

53. S. Vasuki

54. M. Amirthavalli

55. Rathinambal

56. P. Gopalakrishnamurthy

57. N. Muthukumaran

58. J. Thilagam

M.Kalidass (Deceased)

**Respondents 35 to 58/
Defendants 41 to 66**

59. M. Loganathan

60. K. Kandasamy

61. R. Sivam

62. M. Nagarathinam

63. V. Sujatha

64. R. Tharakeshwari

65. Eswari Radhakrishnan

66. S. Murugaesan

67. A. Ramamurthy

68.M. Geetha

69. G. Suganthi

70. A. Nallalagan

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71. S. Shanmugasundaram

72. R. Balasubramani

73. J. Parvatham

74. C. Subramaniam

75. Shanthi

76. P. Suganya

77. S. Kavithamani

78. L. Senthilvelan

79. M. Sonaimuthu

80. B. Savithiri

81. B. Velmurugan

82. S. Ganeshkumar

83. K.K. Padmanabhan

84. P.Vasumathi

85. S. Chitra

86. J. Sumeshkumar

87. R.S. Ramchandar

88. A.J. Baskar

89. Kalpana

90. R. Kaleeswari

91. V. Kamaraj

92. R.T. Venkatachalam

93. R. Sridhar

94. Shanthi Sivakumar

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95. J. Uma Maheshwari

96. K. Kanagaraj

97. S. Subramani

98. Suvarakavi

99. Shanmugasundaram

100. Muthuvijayan

101. Srisankari

102. Sarath Bharathi

103. Chitra

104. Sri Ram

105. Sudharsan

106. Prasanna Parthasarathi

107. Thangamani

108. V. Hanuvignesh

**Respondents 59 to 108/
Defendants 68 to 117**

Prayer in Tr.CMP(MD)No.173 of 2026 : This Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure praying to withdraw the suit in O.S.No.118 of 2018 pending on the file of District Court, Karur and transfer the same to any other District Court in any District other than Karur District.



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For Petitioners : Mr.P.R.Balasubramanian.

For Respondents : Mr.A.Mohamed Haneef, for R1 and R2.

: Mr.Sundara Moorthy, for R7, R8, R12, R13, R15, R17, R18, R24, R25, R28, R29, R31, R33 to R36, R38, R39, R41, R42, R44, R45, R50, R52, R53, R54, R55, R60, R62, R63, R70, R71, R73, R76, R77, R77 R81, R85, R86 , R87, R89, R92, R 93, R94, R100, to 109, R107, R108.

: Mrs. S.Manju Bargavi, for R3 to R6, R9 to R11, R14, R16, R22, R23, R30, R34, R40, R43, R46 to R48, R51, R56, R57, R64 to R66, R68, R69, R72, R74, R75, R82 to R84, R90.

: No Appearance, for R19 to R21, R26, R27, R37, R49, R58, R59, R61, R67, R78, R80, R88, R91, R95, R96, and R97, R98, R99, R108.

ORDER

The Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition has been filed seeking orders to withdraw the suit in O.S.No.118 of 2018 pending on the file of District Court, Karur and transfer the same to any other District Court in any District other than Karur District.



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2. The respondents 1 and 2/plaintiffs have filed a suit against as many as 117 defendants, including the present petitioners, seeking declaration that the suit properties belonging to the plaintiffs' temples (idols) and for consequential permanent injunction restraining the defendants, their men and agents from in any manner interfering with the plaintiffs' peaceful possession and enjoyment of the suit property, except in respect of those portions where temporary structures are stated to have been put up. The plaintiffs have also sought recovery of possession of such portion after removal of the temporary structures allegedly put up by the defendants by way of trespass, constructions, creation of encumbrances or otherwise.

3. When the transfer petition came up for admission this Court, considering the facts and circumstances of the case and taking note of the serious nature of the allegations levelled, granted an order of interim stay and also directed the Registry to call for a report from the learned District Judge, Karur and also to secure the CCTV footage of the Court proceedings recorded during the working hours on 07.03.2026 from the District Court, Karur.



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4. In pursuance of the directions of this Court, the learned District Judge, Karur submitted his remarks and also enclosed the CCTV footage for the entire day. When the matter was taken up for final hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the Officer against whom certain allegations were levelled in the affidavit filed in support of the transfer petition, has already been transferred and the officer has already been relieved from the office of the Principal District Court, Karur and in view of the subsequent developments, the grievance canvassed by the petitioners no longer survives, and the very basis for seeking transfer has ceased to exist. Consequently, this Court has no other option, but to hold that the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition has become infructuous and is liable to be dismissed.

5. When the matter was taken up for final hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioners as well as the learned counsel appearing for some of the respondents would submit that appropriate observations are to be made so as to enable them to file applications before the trial Court for examining certain Government Officials as witnesses and for receiving additional written statements.



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6. The learned counsel for the respondents 1 and 2/plaintiffs would contend that such observations may prejudice their rights; that the applications filed by the other side seeking impleadment of certain parties have already been dismissed, and the Civil Revision Petitions challenging the said order are pending before this Court and that as many as 81 witnesses have already been examined and that about 40 more witnesses are proposed to be examined.

7. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is not inclined to express any opinion on the merits of the rival submissions or on the maintainability or otherwise of any application that may be filed by either of the parties before the learned Trial Judge, as any such observation may prejudice the rights and contentions of the parties.

8. It is for the learned trial Judge to consider every application, as and when filed, independently, strictly in accordance with law and on its own merits, after affording an opportunity of hearing to all the parties concerned, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order. Since the Transfer Civil

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Miscellaneous Petition itself has become infructuous, the learned trial Judge is at liberty to proceed with the trial and dispose of the suit as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law.

9. In the result, the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition is dismissed as infructuous. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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To

- 1.The District Court, Karur.
- 2.The Section Officer,
VR Section,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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K.MURALI SHANKAR,J.

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Pre-delivery order made in
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