



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.1674 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 25.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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& W.M.P.Crl.(MD)No.401 of 2026

Arulmighu Angala Eswari Muneeswarar Temple,
Rep by its President,
Mr.R.Ragunathan.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamilnadu,
Election Officer Cum the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Legislative Constituency,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District..

2. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
Vallam Sub Division,
Thanjavur District.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the impugned order bearing No.Na.Ka.No.64/2026/Aa3 dated 23.03.2026 passed by the 1st respondent with respect to rejection of Adal Padal program alone and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the 1st and 2nd respondents to grant permission for conducting Adal Padal and cultural programme scheduled on 23.03.2026 to 02.04.2026 in Arulmighu Angala Eswari Muneeswarar



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Alayam, situated in Vilar Road, Anna Nagar, Thanjavur District on the basis of the petitioner's representation datd 20.03.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.J.Karthick
For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.)

ORDER

This petition has been filed challenging the impugned order bearing No.Na.Ka.No.64/2026/Aa3 dated 23.03.2026 passed by the 1st respondent only with respect to rejection of Adal Padal program alone, with a consequential direction to the 1st and 2nd respondents to grant permission for conducting Adal Padal and cultural programme scheduled on 23.03.2026 to 02.04.2026 in Arulmighu Angala Eswari Muneeswarar Alayam, situated in Vilar Road, Anna Nagar, Thanjavur District, on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2026.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that permission with respect to the cultural programme as sought for by the temple committee for the conduct of the temple festival has been negated by the first respondent and sought for indulgence of this Court.



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3. A careful perusal of the impugned order would make it clear that permission for the conduct of Adal Padal and Music Program has been denied. In view of the same, making it clear that no program shall be conducted beyond 10:00 p.m., during festival dates, the temple committee is permitted to conduct karagaattam, oyilaattam, religious dramas and religious music concerts only till 10:00 p.m.

4. Accordingly, the impugned order dated 23.03.2026 is quashed only insofar as the condition No.3. and this writ petition is partly allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

25.03.2026

NCC : Yes / No

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Note: Issue order copy on 26.03.2026.

TO:-

1. The Election Officer Cum the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Legislative Constituency, Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.
2. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
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3. The Inspector of Police,
Taluk Police Station, Thanjavur,
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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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