

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.2298 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 04.06.2026

CORAM:

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

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.2298 of 2026
& W.M.P.Crl.(MD)No.551 & 717 of 2026

Manthiri Kumari

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By the Inspector of Police,
Thirumangalam Taluk Police Station,
Thirumangalam, Madurai District.

2. Mahendran
3. Panneer
4. P.R.Pandi
5. Arivazhagan
6. Asebha Azhagarsamy
7. Backiyaraj
8. Rajkumar
9. S.Palanisamy
- 10.P.Jeyapandian
- 11.Ganeshpandi
- 12.S.Manikandan
- 13.Ramasamy
- 14.Rameshkumar
- 15.Gurusamy
- 16.Manoharan

... Respondents

(R10 to R16 are impleaded vide order of this Court dated 04.06.2026 in WMP(MD)No.717 of 2026.)



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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to afford police protection forbearing the respondents 3 to 9 from performing any rituals for the deity Muthalamman of ArulMighu Muthulamman Temple on 04.06.2026 in the property comprised in S.NO.432/1 (Old S.No.204/1), Melakottai Village, Thirumangalam Taluk, on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 15.04.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.G.Shankar Ganesh

For Respondents : Mr.S.Arun Arockiasamy (R1)

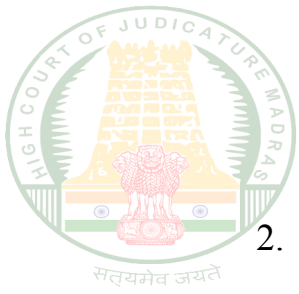
Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side)

Mr.A.N.Ramanathan (R2)

Mr.M.Suresh (R3 to R9)

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the 1st respondent to afford police protection forbearing the respondents 3 to 9 from performing any rituals for the deity, Muthalamman of ArulMighu Muthulamman Temple on 04.06.2026 in the property comprised in S.No.432/1 (Old S.No.204/1), Melakottai Village, Thirumangalam Taluk, on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 15.04.2026.



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2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the subject property absolutely belongs to the petitioner. It was further submitted that Respondents 3 to 9 are proposing to conduct rituals and poojas relating to the subject temple in the petitioner's property on 10.06.2026. Apprehending interference with his peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 15.04.2026 to the respondent police seeking necessary action and police protection to prevent Respondents 3 to 9 from conducting any such poojas or rituals in the petitioner's property. According to the petitioner, the said representation has not been considered thus far. Aggrieved by the same, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent police drew the attention of this Court to the representation dated 15.04.2026 submitted by the petitioner. He submitted that, under the said representation, the petitioner had sought necessary action against Respondents 3 to 9. However, without awaiting the outcome of the enquiry on the said representation, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction for police protection. It was further submitted that the enquiry pursuant to the petitioner's representation is still pending consideration before the respondent police.



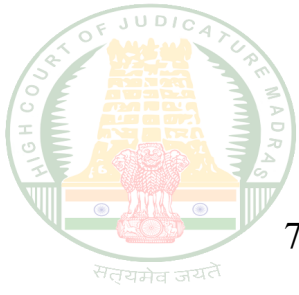
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4. Having regard to the nature of the order proposed to be passed in this writ petition, W.M.P.(MD) No.717 of 2026 seeking impleadment of the proposed respondents is allowed. The Registry is directed to carry out the necessary amendment in the cause title.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials placed before this Court. Since no adverse order is proposed to be passed against the R10 to R16, notice to them is dispensed with.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the second respondent police are directed to issue notices to the petitioner as well as Respondents 2 to 16 under Section 64 of the BNSS and conduct an enquiry on **08.06.2026**, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and the private respondents. The enquiry shall be concluded on the same day and appropriate orders shall be passed in accordance with law. It is made clear that the Investigating Officer shall independently consider the matter and take a decision strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations made in this order.



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7. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of.

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04.06.2026

NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

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Note: Issue order copy on 08.06.2026.

TO:-

1. The Inspector of Police,
Thirumangalam Taluk Police Station,
Thirumangalam, Madurai District.
2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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