

WP CRL.(MD). No.3638 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 07/07/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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and

WPMP CRL.(MD). No.888 of 2026

P.Kannaiah

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner, Nungambakkam,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600034.

2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Thanjavur District.

3. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Pudukottai.

4. The Executive Officer, Pudukottai,
Arulmigu Kannudaiya Ayyanar Temple,
Pudunilaipatti Village,
Tirumayam Taluk,
Pudukottai District.

5. The Tahsildar,
Tirumayam Taluk,
Pudukottai District.

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6. State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
K.Puduppatti Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

7. The Village Administrative Officer,
Pudunilaivayal Village,
Tirumayam Taluk,
Pudukottai District.

8. K. Saravanan

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 3 to 6 to conduct an enquiry and peace committee meeting with regard to conduct of Puravai festival of Arulmigu Kannudaiya Ayyanar Temple, Pudunilaivayal Village, Tirumayam Taluk, Pudukottai forthwith, based on the 3rd respondent's proceedings in Na.Ka.Num.1405/2026/AA3 dated 30.04.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.S.Kishok Kumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mrs.M.R.Priyanka Jothi - for R1 to R3, R5 and R7
Government Advocate (Civil Side)

Mr.C.Madhavan - for R4
Standing Counsel

Mr.C.Susikumar - for R6
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

Mr.Paranjothi - for R8



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This Court by order dated 02.07.2026, recording the submission of the learned Government Advocate, Mrs.Priyanka Jothi that the 8th respondent had collected huge amount of money in the name of customary practice of Puravi festival in Arulmigu Kannudaiya Ayyanar Temple, without getting proper permission for conducting temple festival, passed an interim order restraining the 8th respondent from organizing the temple festival until further orders. Despite the said order, the Temple Festival has been commenced by the 8th respondent faction and the 8th respondent had facilitated the function of Puravi Eduppu violating the order of this Court.

2. The learned Government Advocate submitted that as many as 55 police and the DSP were deployed for in the locality, despite the intimation given by the police to the respected parties not to further proceed, the said persons have violated the order of this Court and conducted the temple festival.



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3. Mrs. Priyanka Jothi submitted that the order passed by this Court on 02.07.2026 was blatantly violated at the instance of the 8th respondent and his leader Vellaichamy. The order of the Assistant Commissioner of HR and CE, dated 18.05.2026 has also been violated.

4. The learned counsel for the 4th respondent submitted that all along from the first instance, the parties have not complied with any of the orders either passed by this Court or by the Joint Commissioner, HR and CE, Tanjavur District, and they are continuously troubling the executive officer from peacefully administrating the affairs of the temple.

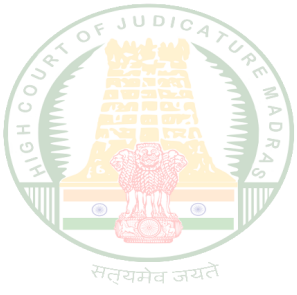
5. The sixth respondent police had produced the 8th respondent before this Court today. The 8th respondent submitted that it is not only him, but also certain other persons who had conducted the function. Therefore a case in Crime No.117 of 2026 was registered on 06.07.2026 as against 16 persons.



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6. From the said first information report registered by the six respondents police, it is clear that 16 persons and that people have violated the order passed by this Court on 02.07.2026.

7. In view of the same, this writ petition is disposed of, recording the violation of the order passed by this Court dated 02.07.2026. All the 16 persons namely, **1.Kasi**, S/o.Padikkaasu, **2.Periyasamy**, S/o.Kasi, **3.Periyakaruppan**, S/o.Kannaiya, **4.Chinnaiah**, S/o.Karuppaiah, **5.Periyakaruppan**, S/o.Muthiah, **6.Chinnasamy**, S/o.Muthiah, **7.Periyakaruppan**, S/o.Karuppaiah, **8.Padikkaasu**, S/o.Karuppiyah, **9. Sathish Kannan**, S/o.Vellaichamy, **10. Baskar**, S/o.Andiyappan, **11.Kasi**, S/o.Padikkaasu, **12.Nataraj**, S/o.Kannaiah, **13.Saravanan**, S/o. Kasi, **14.Subramaniyan**, **15.Baskar**, and **16.Periyakaruppan**, all are belongs to Pudhunilaipatti Village, Pudukkottai District, are directed to pay an amount of **Rs.1,00,000/-**(Rupees One Lakh only) **each** to to the credit of "DT SIDDHA MED OFFICER CCRI PKM, A/c No. 10767823177, IFSC Code : SBIN0000898, MICR Code : 625002601 Bank : SBI Periyakulam, on or before **10.07.2026**, failing which strict criminal action would be initiated against all the 16 persons.



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8. The sixth respondent police is directed to communicate the executive officer and all the 16 persons.

9. Post the case of post the case for compliance on 13-7-2026.

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Note : Issue order copy on **08.07.2026**

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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