



WP CRL.(MD). No.3946 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 16/07/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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Periyasamy

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Pudukottai, Pudukottai District.

2. State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Kottaipattinam Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

3. State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Jegathapattinam Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

4. The Tahsildar,
Manamelkudi, Pudukkottai,
Pudukottai District.

5. Ravichandran

6. Kalimuthu

... Respondents



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PRAYER :-
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To issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to provide adequate police protection and permission to conduct the annual temple festival in the Tamil month of Aadi from 20.07.2026 to 30.07.2026 in Sri Ayyanar Samy and Sri Muthu Maariamman and its alied temples are situated at Manjakudi Village, Manamelkudi Taluk, Pudukottai District.

For Petitioner : Mr. Shanmugasundaram S,
Advocate.

For Respondents : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy - for R1 to R3
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

Mr.M.R.Priyanka Jothi - for R4
Government Advocate (Civil Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to provide adequate police protection and permission to conduct the annual temple festival in the Tamil month of Aadi from 20.07.2026 to 30.07.2026 in Sri Ayyanar Samy and Sri Muthu Maariamman and its alied temples are situated at Manjakudi Village, Manamelkudi Taluk, Pudukottai District.



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2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondents 5 and 6 are obstructing the petitioner from peacefully participating in the temple festival and the formality is commencing tomorrow(17.07.2026) and sought the indulgence of this Court.

3. The learned Government Advocate submitted that Peace Committee Meeting was conducted between three factions of the villagers before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Aranthangi on 15/7/2026 and proper resolutions were arrived at by the rival factions where, all the parties have who attended the peace committee meeting consisting of Saiva Pillai, Asaiva Pillai, Agamudiyar, Yadava, Velalar and Devendra Kula Velalar, making it clear that none of the community leaders or community people should claim any first honors or Madagapadi.

4. Heard either sides and carefully perused the materials available on record. Since, no adverse order is passed as against the respondents 5 and 6, notice to them is dispensed with.



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5. Considering the fact that already a Peace Committee Meeting was conducted on 15/7/2026 by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Aranthangi, and in terms of the said decision taken in the Peace Committee meeting dated 15.07.2026 the temple festival Sri Ayyanar Samy and Sri Muthu Maariamman and its alied temples situated at Manjakudi Village, Manamelkudi Taluk, Pudukottai District, is likely to permitted to be conducted, it is made clear that the petitioner, his family members or any of the faction should not be obstructed from participating in all the formalities and participating in the Temple Festival.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

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NCC : yes / no
Index : yes / no

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 4. The Tahsildar, Manamelkudi, Pudukkottai, Pudukottai District.
 5. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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