



W.P.(MD) No.20552 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 21.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

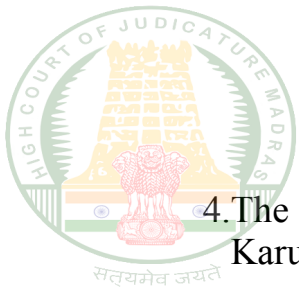
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- 1.K.Govindaraj
- 2.M.J.Vadivel
- 3.Maruthai
- 4.R.Murugan
- 5.N.Vadivel
- 6.Arasakumar
- 7.Kandhasamy

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious Endowment Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Opp. to Taj Coramandel Hotel,
Near the Income Tax Office,
Nungambakkam, Chennai.
- 2.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious Endowment Department,
1st Cross Street, A.D.Saminathapuram,
Nirmala Hospital, Karur.
- 3.The District Collector,
Karur, Karur District.



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4.The Superintendent of Police,
Karur, Karur District.

5.The Tahsildar,
Kulithalai,
Karur District.

6.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious Endowment Department,
Kulithalai.

7.The Inspector of Police,
Thogamalai,
Karur District.

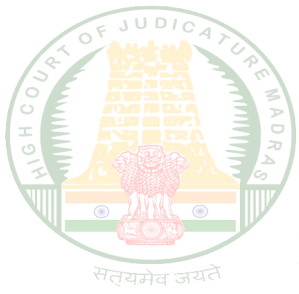
8.Kumaresan

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to grant permission to conduct the Kumbhabishekam Festival from 21.08.2026 to 23.08.2026 at Shri Bhagavathi Amman situated at Porundalur Village, Thelungupatti, Karur District and also directing the third and fourth respondents to provide adequate police protection to conduct the Kumbhabishekam Festival from 21.08.2026 to 23.08.2026 at Shri Bhagavathi Amman situated at Porundalur Village, Thelungupatti, Karur District.

For Petitioners : M/s.A.Lakshmi

For R1 to R3, R5 & R6 : M/s.P.Sudarkodi Natchiyar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu



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For R4 & R7

: Mr.P.Vetrivel
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to grant permission to conduct the Kumbhabishekam Festival from 21.08.2026 to 23.08.2026 at Shri Bhagavathi Amman Temple situated at Porundalur Village, Thelungupatti, Karur District and consequently directing the third and fourth respondents to provide adequate police protection for conducting the said Kumbhabishekam Festival.

2. The petitioners claim that they are the devotees of Shri Bhagavathi Amman Temple situated at Porundalur Village, Thelungupatti, Karur District and that the said temple has the family deity of about 1,500 families.

3. It is the case of the petitioners that the Kumbhabishekam Festival of the said Temple has to be conducted between 21.08.2026 and 23.08.2026, as more than 15 years have elapsed since the last Kumbhabishekam. In this connection, the petitioners appear to have



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submitted representations dated 04.06.2026 and 11.07.2026 to the official respondents herein.

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4. The learned counsel for the Government of Tamil Nadu, appearing for the first to third, fifth and sixth respondents, submits that the petitioners are also required to obtain the necessary permission/orders from the High Level Committee constituted pursuant to the order of the Division Bench of this Court.

5. In view of the above submission, the prayer of the petitioners for conducting the Kumbhabhishekam Festival on the dates mentioned above cannot be straightaway granted without a counter affidavit being filed by the respondents and without hearing the private respondents arrayed in this Writ Petition.

6. That apart, there could be other conflicting interests of third parties as well as the State. Therefore, in order to balance the interests of the petitioners, who appear to be espousing the cause of the community at Karur by contending that the deity is that of their family deity, I direct the second respondent to consider the representations of the petitioners dated 04.06.2026 and 11.07.2026 and pass appropriate orders.



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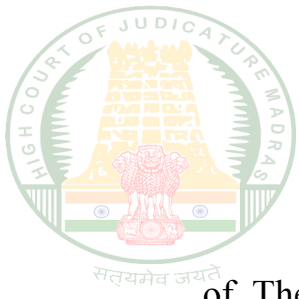
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7. In case the approval or permission of any other Department or Committee is required, the second respondent shall take appropriate steps in that regard and place the representations of the petitioners before the competent authority.

8. Needless to state, not only the petitioners but also the other interested parties shall be afforded an opportunity of hearing before a final decision is taken on the aforesaid representations seeking permission to conduct the proposed Kumbhabishekam Festival on the dates mentioned above.

9. The second respondent shall take appropriate steps on the said representations within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

10. In case the permission is granted for conducting the Kumbhabishekam Festival, the fourth and seventh respondents shall ensure that adequate police protection and all necessary arrangements are provided for the peaceful conduct of the Kumbhabishekam Festival.



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11. With the above observations, this Writ Petition stands disposed

of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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