

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4058 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : **21.07.2026**

CORAM:

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

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... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kalakkad Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned proceedings of the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No. 02/Sey.Mu.Aa/Ka.Aa/Kalakkad/2026, dated.11.07.2026, quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to grant permission along with adequate police protection to conduct the Kabaddi Tournament from 07.00 p.m on 31.07.2026 to 07.00 a.m on 01.08.2026 in connection with the Mutharamman Temple Festival at Thoppur Village, Kovilammalpuram Village Panchayat, Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District subject to such reasonable conditions.

For Petitioner : Mr.KPS.Palani Velrajan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.J.Pooventhera Rajan



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For Respondents : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy

Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

Challenging the order passed by the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No. 02/Sey.Mu.Aa/Ka.Aa/Kalakkad/2026, dated.11.07.2026, quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to grant permission along with adequate police protection to conduct the Kabaddi Tournament from 07.00 p.m on 31.07.2026 to 07.00 a.m on 01.08.2026 in connection with the Mutharamman Temple Festival at Thoppur Village, Kovilammalpuram Village Panchayat, Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District subject to such reasonable conditions, this writ petition is filed.

2. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) submitted that there is an apprehension that some law and order problem will arise during the tournament. Hence, he sought for dismissal of the writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

4. The 2nd respondent police is directed to grant permission for conducting the Kabadi tournament from 07.00 p.m on 31.07.2026 to 04.00 a.m

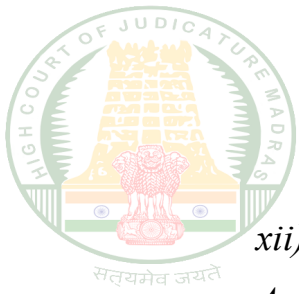


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on 01.08.2026, by imposing the following conditions:

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- (i) The petitioner and other participants shall not shout, raise any slogan for or against any party or party leader, any caste, community or creed;*
- ii) The petitioner shall ensure that no untoward incident is caused disturbing the public peace and tranquillity;*
- iii) The petitioner shall ensure proper first aid arrangements by keeping one or two doctors in the venue;*
- iv) The participants of "Kabadi" tournament shall not wear any form of dress showing offending slogans or picture of any communal/political leader which may cause disturbance;*
- v) Songs praising communal leader or having communal overtones should not be played;*
- vi) The petitioner will ensure that no flex board or hoardings depicting particular community or leader will be displayed;*
- vii) There should not be any Flex Boards representing any community or political leaders;*
- viii) If there is any violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned Police Officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance;*
- ix) Similarly, the police is empowered to stop the Kabadi tournament, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;*
- x) The participants of the tournament shall not intake any kind of toxic substance or liquor during the tournament;*
- xi) If there is any untoward incident took place, the village people and the organizers of the tournament be made responsible for the same;*



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xii) *The Refree must be authorized person from the District Association; and*

xiii) *The respondents are at liberty to put any further restrictions or to impose any conditions purely in the interest of preserving public order and tranquillity, so as to maintain law and order and communal harmony.*

xiv) *The respondents are directed to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure adopted by the Government of Tamil Nadu.*

xv) *The respondents are directed to afford necessary police protection for the conduct of the kabadi tournament on payment of necessary charges in terms of G.O(Ms)No.139, Home (Pol-VIII) Department, dated 04.03.2019.”*

5. The petitioner is also directed to ensure that the conditions are strictly complied with and also to ensure that no law and order problem is created in the course of conducting the tournament.

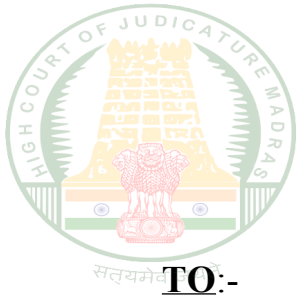
6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of.

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Kalakkad Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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