

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4087 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : **22.07.2026**

CORAM:

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

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C.Manikandan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
O/o District Collector,
Theni,
Theni District.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
O/o The Superintendent of Police,
Theni,
Theni District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Varusanadu Police Station,
Theni 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 of the 3rd respondent in Na.Ka.1/26/Va.Ka.Ni/2026 dated 19.07.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents permit the petitioner to peacefully protest in front of Varusanadu Kaliyamman Temple by conducting fasting on 28.07.2026 from 09.00 a.m to 05.00 p.m by issuing pamphlets and posters and to conduct public announcement through an Auto Rickshaw prior to 28.07.2026.



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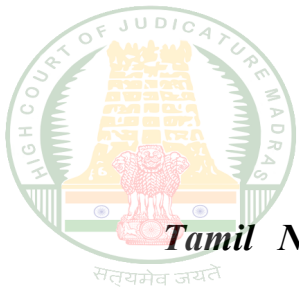
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For Petitioner : Mr.D.Malaichamy
For R1 : M/s.M.R.Priyanka Jothi
Government Advocate (Civil)
For R2 & R3 : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Government Advocate (Crl.)

ORDER

Challenging the impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to peacefully protest in front of Varusanadu Kaliyamman Temple by conducting fasting on 28.07.2026 from 09.00 a.m to 05.00 p.m by issuing pamphlets and posters and to conduct public announcement through an Auto Rickshaw prior to 28.07.2026, this writ petition is filed.

2. The learned Government Advocate (Civil) submitted that there is no infirmity in the impugned order and the same has also been passed only in terms of the judgement of this Court in Cont.P(MD)NO.1124 of 2019 dated 25.03.2021 and for the purpose of securing the Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve. Such an order has already been passed by this Court and the same has also been confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal Nos. 6395-6397 of 2025 in the case of *A.John Kennedy & Others Vs. State of*



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Tamil Nadu & Others¹. Hence, if the petitioner's request is considered

positively, that will cause unnecessary unrest and complications in complying with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had made an application on 17.07.2026 seeking to conduct protest on 21.07.2026 which came to be rejected on 19.07.2026.

4. However, when the matter came up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate pointed out that the matter has become infructuous by efflux of time since the petitioner has sought for a permission to conduct protest on 21.07.2026.

5. By virtue of the said submission, the petitioner is given liberty to give a fresh representation. On such representation, the respondent police is directed to consider the same diligently in terms of the permission earlier given by the respondent police to the CPI party to conduct a similar protest for the same demands, by imposing necessary conditions.

¹ 2026 INSC 605



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22.07.2026

NCC : Yes / No

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Note : Issue order copy on **23.07.2026**

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- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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