

WP CRL.(MD). No.4209 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 29/07/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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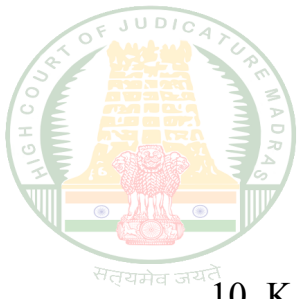
K.Muthuraja

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Collectorate, Madurai 625 020.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Collectorate, Madurai 625 020.
3. The Comissioner,
Madurai City, Madurai 625 007.
4. The Assistant Commissioner,
Koodal Pudur Police Station,
Sellur Range, Madurai 625 017.
5. The Inspector of Police,
Koodal Pudur Police Station,(L and O)
Madurai 625 017.
6. K.Ravichandran
7. A.Boominathan
8. S.Palani
9. C.Devaraj,

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10. K.Arumaidurai

11. A.Senthilnathan

12. V.Sivakumar

13. T.Raja

14. A.Chinnaraja

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other Writ, order or direction in the nature of writ, to direct the 5th respondent, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.06.2026 and grant necessary permission and adequate police protection to smoothly conduct the 11th Annual Aadi 18th Perukku Festival on 14.08.2026 at Arulmigu Sri Piraiyadi Karuppasamy Temple, Kanmoikarai, Vilangudi, Madurai, ensuring the inclusion of all village communities without any obstruction from respondents 6 to 14.

For Petitioner : Mr. K.Anbumanikandantamilsooriyan,
Advocate.

For Respondent : M/s.M.R.Priyanka Jothi - for R1 and R2
Government Advocate (Civil Side)

Mr.D.Rajaboopathy - for R3 to R5
Government Advocate (Crl Side)



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ORDER

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This Writ Petition is filed seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the 5th respondent, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.06.2026 and grant necessary permission and adequate police protection to smoothly conduct the 11th Annual Aadi 18th Perukku Festival on 14.08.2026 at Arulmigu Sri Piraiyadi Karuppasamy Temple, Kanmoikarai, Vilangudi, Madurai, ensuring the inclusion of all village communities without any obstruction from respondents 6 to 14.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that some of the private parties have already misappropriated a huge amount of money, in the name of organising temple festival in the previous years and sought the indulgence of this Court to permit the petitioner to conduct the same.

3. The Learned Government Advocate submitted that the petitioner's representation has been received and proper enquiry has been conducted. However, no amicable settlement is arrived. As a result of which LIR No.43/25 is issued on 16.07.2026, which is forwarded to the

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second respondent. He further submitted that in the peace committee meeting conducted in the last year, none of the villagers were excommunicated and all the villagers have participated in the temple festival.

4. Heard either sides and carefully perused the materials available on record.

5. The Government Advocate(Civil side) appearing for respondents 1 and 2 submitted that in the earlier peace committee which was conducted between the rival parties in the previous year, it was resolved that all the villagers together can conduct the temple festival. As far as the administration of the temple is concerned, two applications in O.A.Nos.7 and 24 of 2021 are pending before the Joint Commissioner, H.R. and C.E Department, Madurai, filed by both the petitioner and the respondent. Pending the same, the petitioner has come before this Court.

6. Heard either sides and carefully perused the materials available on record.



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7. In view of the submissions made, the second respondent is directed to put the petitioner as well as rival parties on notice and conclude the enquiry within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and facilitate the conduct of the temple festival peacefully on 03.08.2026 and 14.08.2026.

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

29.07.2026

NCC : yes / no

Index : yes / no

Note : Issue order copy on **31.07.2026**

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5. The Inspector of Police, Koodal Pudur Police Station,(L and O) Madurai 625 017.
6. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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