

W.P.Crl.(MD)Nos.4334 & 4346 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : **31.07.2026**

CORAM:

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

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and

W.P.M.P.Crl.(MD)No.1037 of 2026

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026:

Kamala

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Madurai District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.

3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Checkanurani Police Station,
Madurai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to ensure that the Aadi Festival of Arulmigu Seelaikkari Amman Temple, Ayothidasar Nagar, Anaiyur Kokulam, Thirumangalam Taluk, Madurai District scheduled to be held on 04.08.2026 and 05.08.2026, is conducted strictly in accordance with the



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long-standing customary practice prevailing in the village by permitting and ensuring the participation of all the villagers in the temple festival, and further direct the 4th respondent to provide necessary and adequate police protection for the peaceful and orderly conduct of the temple festival, enabling all the villagers to participate without any obstruction or disturbance and thereby maintain public peace, communal harmony and law and order.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Srikanth
For R1 - R3 : M/s.M.R.Priyanka Jothi
Government Advocate (Civil)
For R4 : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Government Advocate (Crl.)

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4346 of 2026:

Muthaiah ... Petitioner
Vs.

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

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Usilampatti,
Madurai District.

3.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Chekkanurani Police Station,
Madurai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd respondent to grant permission



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and provide adequate police protection to conduct cultural programme directing the 3rd respondent to grant permission and provide adequate police protection to conduct cultural programme (Valli Thirumana nadagam and Rajarani Drama) to be held on 04.08.2026 and 05.08.2026 on the evening of Arulmigu Seelaikari Amman Kovil festival at A.Kokkulam village, Madurai District on the petitioner's representation dated 25.07.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Thalaimutharasu

For Respondents : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy

Government Advocate (Crl.)

ORDER

The petitioner in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026 is seeking permission to participate in the temple festival which is scheduled to be held on 04.08.2026 and 05.08.2026 at Arulmigu Seelaikkari Amman Temple, Ayothidasar Nagar, Anaiyur Kokulam, Thirumangalam Taluk, Madurai District.

2. The petitioner in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4346 of 2026 is seeking permission and police protection for conducting Valli Thirumanam Nadagam and Raja Rani Drama on 04.08.2026 and 05.08.2026 respectively.

3. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) submitted that both the petitions are pertaining to the same temple. He also submitted that the matter is



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already recommended to the peace committee meeting in L.I.R.No.40 of 2026

before the 2nd respondent in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026.

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

5. In view of the submissions made on either side, the 4th respondent in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026 is directed to grant permission to conduct Valli Thirumanam Nadagam on 04.08.2026 and Kattabomman Drama on 05.08.2026. As far as the participation of the villagers in the temple festival is concerned, all the villagers, including the petitioner in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026 should not be prevented or excommunicated by any persons, more particularly, the organizers of the temple festival, from participating, worshipping, and enjoying the temple festival. The 2nd respondent in W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4334 of 2026 is directed to put the rival factions, including the petitioners in both the petitions on notice and conduct peace committee, ensuring the participation of all the factions and the same shall be concluded by 02.08.2026.



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Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes / No

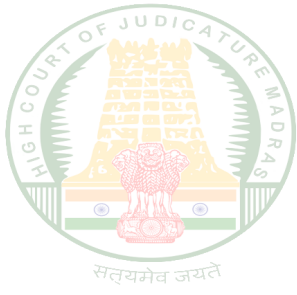
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Note : Issue order copy on 31.07.2026.

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7.The Sub Inspector of Police,
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8.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

Order made in
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Dated
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