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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **07.08.2026**

CORAM:

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

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P.Soundararajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
DSP Camp Office,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.

4.The Tahsildhar,
Tahsildhar Office,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.

5.The Inspector of Police,
Maraneri Police Station,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.

6.P.Pothiraj

... Respondents



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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 5 to permit the petitioner and his villagers for worshipping Aadi Amavasai Festival dated 12.08.2026 and 13.08.2026 at Sannasipatti Muniyandi Temple, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Hariharan
For R1 & R4 : M/s.M.R.Priyanka Jothi
Government Advocate (Civil)
For R2,R3 & R5 : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Government Advocate (Crl.)
For R6 : Mr.K.Dinesh

ORDER

Seeking to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to permit the petitioner and his villagers for worshipping Aadi Amavasai Festival dated 12.08.2026 and 13.08.2026 at Sannasipatti Muniyandi Temple, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2026, this writ petition is filed.

2. Since no adverse order is passed against the private respondent, notice to the private respondent is dispensed with.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the 6th respondent submitted that they have no objection in permitting the petitioner and his group for worshipping during the Aadi Amavasai festival. However, he made it clear that the petitioner should not claim any poosari rights.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner made it clear that they are not claiming any poosari rights, but only the right of worship.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions, this Court hereby makes it clear that the 6th respondent should not prevent the petitioner and his family or any person from worshipping the temple deity on Aadi Amavasai and on any other days in Sannasipatti Muniyandi Temple, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District both inside and outside the temple.

7. The 5th respondent police is directed to monitor the same and make sure that none of the persons including the petitioner or any villager is being



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excommunicated from participating in Aadi Amavasai festival, more particularly from worshipping the principal deity inside the temple. It is made clear that the petitioner should not claim first honor.

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

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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Note : Issue order copy on 10.08.2026.

TO:-

- 1.The District Collector,
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Virudhunagar.
- 2.The Superintendent of Police,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
DSP Camp Office,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.
- 4.The Tahsildhar,
Tahsildhar Office,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.



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5.The Inspector of Police,
Maraneri Police Station,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.

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



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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