



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED: 11.12.2020**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU**

**W.P. (MD)No.17064 of 2020**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector  
Tirunelveli District,  
Tirunelveli.

2.The District Forest Officer  
Tirunelveli District,  
SF Division, NGO Colony,  
Tirunelveli.

3.The Superintendent of Police  
Tirunelveli District,  
Tirunelveli.

4.The Deputy Superintendent of Police  
Valliyoor,  
Tirunelveli District.

5.The Inspector of Police  
Valliyoor Police Station,  
Valliyoor,  
Tirunelveli District.

6.Manickavasaga Vithaga Vinyaga Vadivoo  
Sri Muthukrishna Swamy Trust,  
North Valliyoor, Valliyoor,  
Tirunelveli District.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1 to 5 Respondents to permit petitioner to conduct Lighting Festival in the eve of Karthigai Deepam in Soottupothai Lingeswarar Temple situated on the top of the Sootupothai Mountain, Near Eruvadi, Vallioor, Tirunelveli District on 29.11.2020 and to give adequate Police Protection, based on the petitioner's representation, dated 18.11.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Selvan  
For Respondents 1 to 5 : Mr.R.Srinivasan  
Government Advocate



For 6<sup>th</sup> Respondent : Mr.S.Ramesh

**ORDER**

The writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1 to 5 Respondents to permit petitioner to conduct Lighting Festival in the eve of Karthigai Deepam in Soottupothai Lingeswarar Temple situated on the top of the Sootupothai Mountain, Near Eruvadi, Vallioor, Tirunelveli District on 29.11.2020 and to give adequate Police Protection, based on his representation, dated 18.11.2020.

2.When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 5, on instructions, would submit that the prayer in this writ petition has become infructuous and hence, nothing survives for further adjudication.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the sixth respondent would submit that the temple festival has already been over.

4.Recording the said submission, this writ petition is dismissed as infructuous. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (RECORDS)

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Valliyoor Police Station,  
Valliyoor,  
Tirunelveli District.

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

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