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**W.P(MD).No.19199 of 2021**

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 29.10.2021

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY**

W.P(MD).No.19199 of 2021

and

W.M.P(MD).No.15928 of 2021

Chinnadurai

... Petitioner

**Vs.**

- 1.The Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,  
Chennai.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,  
Thanjavur.
- 3.The Assistant Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,  
Pudukkottai.
- 4.The Executive Officer,  
Arulmigu Kailasanathar Enshrined with Periyannayagi Amman Temple,  
Valaramanickam Village & Post,  
Thirumayam Taluk,  
Pudukkottai District.
- 5.Udaiyappan
- 6.Adaikkalam

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to conduct the Masi Festival for 10 days in the temple of Arulmigu Kailasanathar Enshrined with Periyannagi Amman in Vaalaramanickam Village, Thirumayam Taluk, Pudukkottai District without giving privilege respect to self styled Ambalam and give Kalanji and Parivattam to them.

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| For Petitioner | : Mr.K.Baalasundharam |
| For R1 to R3   | : Mr.P.Subbaraj       |
|                | Counsel for State     |
| For R4         | : Mr.G.Mathavan       |

#### **ORDER**

The petitioner seeks the conduct of the Masi Festival at the Arulmigu Kailasanathar enshrined with Periyannagi Amman Temple without providing privileges to the self styled Ambalam.

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2.The petitioner states that the Masi Festival is celebrated over a period of ten days in the above mentioned temple. In relation thereto, it is stated that a dispute arose in the year 2020 in respect of the collection of tax and the priority of distribution of Prasadham. Therefore, a peace committee meeting was conducted. The petitioner alleges that persons belonging to a group categorized as B group refused to sign the minutes of the peace committee meeting. In the current year, the said festival is scheduled to be conducted. The petitioner apprehends that the self styled Ambalam of the temple would insist on first honours and the like. The present writ petition is filed to prevent the grant of first honours or other privileges to such self styled Ambalam.

3.Mr.P.Subbaraj, learned counsel for the State, accepts notice for respondents 1 to 3 and Mr.G.Mathavan, learned Standing Counsel, accepts notice for the fourth respondent. The fourth respondent submits that no privileges would be extended to any person in relation to the festival. However, it is pointed out that Kalanji is different and that it does not qualify as a privilege in the nature of Parivattam. The petitioner states that he has no quarrel with the giving of Kalanji to workers and the like.

4.In view of the submissions of the fourth respondent, the apprehensions of the petitioner have been allayed. Therefore, by recording the said submissions, W.P.(MD).No.19199 of 2021 is disposed of without any order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P(MD).No.15928 of 2021 is closed.

Sd/-

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+1 CC to M/s.K.BAALASUNDHARAM, Advocate ( SR-33234[F] dated  
29/10/2021 )

+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP ( SR-33357[F] dated 01/11/2021 )

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