



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.03.2022**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **C.SARAVANAN**

**W.P. (MD) No.4188 of 2022**

S.Visvalingam

... Petitioner

/vs./

- 1.The Joint Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,  
Thanjavur Region,  
Thanjavur District 613 001.
- 2.The Assistant Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,  
Thanjavur Region,  
Thanjavur District 613 001.
- 3.The Inspector,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,  
Orthanadu,  
at Paruthiappar Kovil,  
Orthanadu Taluk,  
Thanjavur District 614 626.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,  
Papanadu Police Station,  
Orathanadu Taluk,  
Thanjavur District 614 626.
- 5.Arulmigu Muthu Peram Aiyannar Temple,  
represented by Managing Trustee,  
Sangaranathar Kudi Kadu,  
Thirunallur Post, Orthanadu Taluk,  
Thanjavur District 614 626. ... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd and 3rd respondents to ensure the performance of the 8th Mandaga Padi falling on 17.03.2022 on the eve of Panguni Uthiram Festival celebration in Arulmigu Muthu Peram Aiyannar Temple, Sangaranathar Kudi Kadu, Thirunallur Post, Orthanadu Taluk, Thanjavur District by the petitioner's 5th Karai members by performing Abhishekam to Moola Urchavar and perform Urchavar Ulla under the supervision of 3rd respondent as per petitioner's representation dated 05.03.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

For R1 to R4 : Mr.P.T.Thiraviam  
Government Advocate



**ORDER**

This writ petition is disposed of at the time of admission with the consent of both the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 to 4, considering the fact that the petitioner's representation dated 05.03.2022 is receiving attention and the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent has taken steps to appoint the Inspector of HR & CE, namely, the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent as the Special Officer for conducting the temple festival and 'Mandagapadi'.

2.The complaint of the petitioner that different Karais with caste/community identity is to be eschewed, is acceptable. Such retrograde practice cannot be allowed to be practiced in public space and such religious events. At the same time, the rights of the petitioner to perform "Mandagapadi" can be allowed in accordance with the existing practice and customs. The official respondents shall ensure the above observations strictly. No costs.

Sd/-

Deputy Registrar (LA & MC)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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Orathanadu Taluk, Thanjavur District 614 626.
- 5.The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.N.DILIPKUMAR, Advocate ( SR-11374[F] dated 10/03/2022 )

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP ( SR-11529[F] dated 11/03/2022 )

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