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W.P.(MD)NO.16813 OF 2022

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

**DATED: 08.08.2022**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

**W.P.(MD)No.16813 of 2022**

T.Suresh Gounder

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,  
Pudhukottai District,  
Pudhukottai.

2. The Tahsildar,  
Viralimalai Taluk,  
Pudhukottai District.

3. N.Singaram

4. Durairaj

5. Chandrasekar

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents 1 and 2 to permit the petitioner to perform the temple festival in Sri Karunguli Karuppasamy temple, Nambampatty Village, Iluppur Taluk, Pudhukottai on 29.07.2022 or any other date that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Navaneetharaja



For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.K.Balasubramani,  
Special Government Pleader.

For R-5 : Mr.R.Suriyanarayanan

For R-3 : Mr.M.Senthilkumar

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### **ORDER**

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The writ petitioner Thiru.T.Suresh Gounder as well as the respondents, namely, Thiru.N.Singaram, Thiru.Durairaj and Thiru.Chandrasekar are present in person before this Court.

3. The issue relates to the performance of the petition mentioned festival. A peace committee meeting was convened by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Iluppur on 19.04.2022. The private respondents, namely, Thiru.N.Singaram, Thiru.Durairaj and Thiru.Chandrasekar are willing to abide by the decision taken in the said meeting. They state that in the year 2025, Thiru.Suresh Gounder can very well conduct the temple festival and during the said temple festival, the idol



made by him can be taken inside the temple and that no idol belonging to the private respondents will be taken inside the temple during the said year. The said undertaking given by respondents 3 to 5 is recorded.

4. It is also stated that the petitioner can very well participate in the temple festival and offer his worship. The objections from the private respondents is only regarding the taking of the petitioner's idol inside the temple for the current year. Except recording the undertaking given by the private respondents regarding the conduct of the 2025 festival and also taking into account the fact that the petitioner can very well participate in the current year festival and offer his worship, no other direction can be given in the writ petition.

5. It is stated that the petitioner had already filed a petition under Section 63(e) of THE TAMIL NADU HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS ACT before the Joint Commissioner, Thanjavur. The jurisdictional Commissioner is directed to number the said petition and dispose of it on merits and in accordance with law within a



period of nine months thereafter. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

**08.08.2022**

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**Note : Issue order copy on 10.08.2022.**

**To:**

1. The District Collector,  
Pudhukottai District,  
Pudhukottai.
2. The Tahsildar,  
Viralimalai Taluk,  
Pudhukottai District.



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