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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.02.2023

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

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- 1.K.Duraipandi Poosari
- 2.V.Manmadan
- 3.M.Kaluvanathan
- 4.V.Pawnraj
- 5.Mahindran Boopathi
- 6.P.Sundararaj
- 7.S.Ravichandran

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Madurai District.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Thirumangalam, Madurai District.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Thirumangalam,
Madurai District.
- 4.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Nagaiyapuram Police Station,
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.
- 5.Chinnan
- 6.M.Selvakumar

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second and third respondents to hand over the keys of the Village Deity Petchi Viruman Temple situated at M.Perumalpatty Village, Mathipanor, Tirumangalam Taluk, Madurai District by considering the representations submitted by the petitioners dated 30.12.2022.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Murali

For R-1 to R-3 : Mr.G.Suriyananth
Additional Government Pleader

For R-4 : Mr.B.Thanga Aravindh
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

For R-5 & R-6 : Mr.J.Mathesh

ORDER

Heard the learned Counsel on either side.

2. The subject matter pertains to the affairs of the petition mentioned Temple. There is a rival claim regarding who can function as poosari. It is not for the writ Court to adjudicate such factually contentious issues. The only relief that can be granted is that the revenue authorities as well as the jurisdictional police will keep away from the issue. The Temple in question shall not be locked. The Temple should be kept open for general worship. Of course if any law and order problem arises or any crime is committed, it is



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always open to the concerned authorities to take action as per law. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
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Note: Issue order copy on 06.02.2023.

To

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