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W.P.(MD)NO.3043 OF 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.02.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.3043 of 2023

Shanmugaiah,
S/o.Kulandaivelu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Tenkasi District, Tenkasi.
2. The Tahsildar,
Veerakeralampudur Taluk,
Tenkasi District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Oothumalai police station,
Tenkasi District.
4. Shanmugaiah,
S/o.Perumal

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to grant appropriate permission to the petitioner and his villagers to conduct Sivarathiri festival in Thiruvengada Pothi Ayyanar Temple situated at Melakalangal Village, Veerakeralampudur Taluk, Tenkasi District, from 18.02.2023 (6 PM) till 19.02.2023 (12 PM) by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 10.02.2023.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Jeyamohan

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.M.Lingadurai,
Special Government Pleader.

For R-3 : Mr.B.Thanga Aravindh,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side).

For R-4 : Mr.Raguvaran Gopalan

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The writ petition pertains to conducting of the petition mentioned festival. The petitioner is from Maviliyoothu Village. The temple is situated in Melakalanganal Village.

3. The petitioner's group can celebrate the petition mentioned festival from 18.02.2023 till 9.30 a.m. on 19.02.2023. The petitioner can very well decorate the deity in the manner they deem fit. But they should vacate the premises strictly by 9.30 a.m. on 19.02.2023. Since as per the customary belief, decoration should not be disturbed for a



period of 24 hours, the decoration will be done by 9.30 a.m. on 18.02.2023 itself. I expect both the parties to adhere to the understanding that is now arrived at before this Court.

4. This writ petition stands allowed. No costs.

16.02.2023

NCS : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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Note : Issue order copy on 16.02.2023 immediately.

To:

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