



W.P.(MD) No.8902 of 2023

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 18.04.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.8114, 8116, 8118 & 8119 of 2023

G.D.Manikandan

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu
Tourism, Culture & Endowments Department
Secretariat, Fort St.George
Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam
Chennai-600 034
- 3.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department
H-306, TNHB Colony
Ellis Nagar, Madurai-625 106



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- 4.The Deputy Commissioner /
Executive Officer
Aulmighu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukoil
Madurai
- 5.Karumuthu Kannan
Fit Person
Arulmighu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukoil
Madurai
- 6.The Deputy Commissioner
Arulmighu Kallalagar Thirukovil
Alagarkovil, Melur Thaluk
Madurai
- 7.V.R.Venkatachalam
Fit Person
Arulmighu Kallalagar Thirukovil
Alagarkovil, Melur Thaluk
Madurai
- 8.The District Collector
District Collector's Office
Madurai-20
- 9.The Commissioner
Madurai Corporation
Arignar Anna Maligai
Thallakulam
Madurai-625 002
- 10.The Dean
Government Rajaji Hospital
Panagal Road
Madurai-625 020



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- 11.The City Police Commissioner
Commissioner of Police Office
Alagar Kovil Main Road
Madurai-625 002
- 12.The Inspector of Police
B-2, Police Station
South Chithirai Street
Madurai-625 001
- 13.The Deputy Director
Southern Region
Fire & Rescue Services Department
Melaveli Street
Madurai-625 001
- 14.The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO
Madurai Race Course Road
K.Pudur
Madurai-625 007

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents herein consider petitioner's representation dated 26.03.2023 and take appropriate steps for a grand celebration of Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukovil and Arulmighu Kallalagar Thirukovil with all precautionary measures within a time stipulated by this Court.



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for Mr.S.Vashik Ali

For Respondents : Mr.Veera Kathiravan
Additional Advocate General
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Govt. Pleader for R1, R8, R10, R12 & R13
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Special Government Pleader for R2 & R3
Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan for R4 & R5
Ms.Devasena
Standing Counsel for R9
Mr.K.R.Laxman for R6 & R7
Mr.S.Deenadhayan
Standing Counsel for R14

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by R.SUBRAMANIAN, J.]

Prayer in this writ petition reads as follows:

“For the reasons stated in the accompanying Affidavit, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a writ or order or direction, more in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS directing the respondents herein consider my representation dated 26.03.2023 and take appropriate steps for a grant celebration of Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukovil and Arulmighu Kallalagar Thirukovil with all precautionary measures within a time stipulated by this Hon'ble Court and pass such other further orders that may deemed to be fit and



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proper in the facts and the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.”

2. It is for the Authorities to look into the grievance of the petitioner. We do not think that this Court can issue any direction regarding the finer details of the conduct of the festival, which is absolutely within the domain of the two temples involved and the District Administration. Hence, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[R.S.M., J.]

[L.V.G., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No

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