



W.P(MD)No.24753 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 12.10.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P(MD)No.24753 of 2023 and
WMP(MD) No.20938 of 2023

Anbazhagan

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Commissioner,
The Hindu Religious Charitable and
Endowment Department,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,,
The Hindu Religious Charitable and
Endowment Department,
Thanjavur.
- 3.The Executive Officer,,
Arul Migu Punniyakodeeswarar Swamy Temple,
Vadaseri,
Thanjavur.
- 4.Ariya. Ka. Krishnamoorthy Thevar
- 5.Arasa Theva Dr. Sathanandha Thevar
- 6.Kattachoori.Thu.Meikkappa Thevar
- 7.Nallatti.Me.Neru Thevar



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- 8.Pokka.R. Tamilarasan Thevar
- 9.Senga.Ka.Manikanda Thevar
- 10.Azhagachi.Ka.Vaiyapuri Thevar
- 11.Chidambara Naiyaka Arumuga Thevar
- 12.Ramalinga.Me.Ravichandra Thevar
- 13.Pokki Ayyanadhan Thevar
- 14.Chinnakatha.Ma.Punniyakodi Thevar
- 15.Seerangapaata.Me.Dhanapal Thevar
- 16.Sevathapodhiya.Po.Arjuna Thevar
- 17.Pattukottai.Mu.Nagaraja Thevar

Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 that strictly ensure that no privilege or first respect or first honour in the name of Muthal Mariyadhai be extended to any person at any point of time during temple festivals or during any rituals conducted at Arul Migu Punniyakodeeswarar Swamy Temple situated at Vadaseri Village, Thanjavur District.

For Petitioner	: Mr.P.Samuel Gunasingh
For R1 & R2	: Mr.P.Subbu Raj Special Government Pleader
For R3	: Mr.V.Chandrasekar

ORDER

The petitioner with a grievance that the third respondent/The Executive Officer, Arul Migu Punniyakodeeswarar



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Swamy Temple, Vadaseri, Thanjavur is intending to extend first honour to the respondents 4 to 17 has filed this writ petition for a Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to ensure that no privilege/first respect/first honour be extended to any person during the festival of Arul Migu Punniyakodeeswarar Swamy Temple situated at Vadaseri Village, Thanjavur District.

2.Mr.V.Chandrasekar, learned counsel for the third respondent submits that there is no such proposal to extend first honour to any one during the above said temple festival and the stand of the Government is that all are equal before the Deity.

3.Recording the submission made on behalf of the third respondent, this writ petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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NCC: Yes/No
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