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W.P.(MD)NO.6326 OF 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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N.Annadhurai

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
District Collector's Office,
Tanjore, Tanjore District.

2. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Orathanadu Taluk,
Tanjore District.

3. Raasu

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent herein to take appropriate steps on the petitioner's representation dated 02.03.2024 thereby permit petitioner to participate in the festival on 18.03.2024 of Sri Muneeswarar, Sri Suraththiraappachi, Ilangovil, Sri Ayanar, Sri Chinnakaruppu, Sri Periyakaruppu, Sri Aagaasaveerappan, Sri Munnodiyaan and Sri Bathrakaaliyamman which is situated at Tanjore District, Orathanaadu Taluk, Neyveli Thenpaathi Village, within a stipulated period as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Jahir Hussain

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

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**ORDER**

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Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 and 2.

3. Considering the nature of relief to be granted, issuance of notice to the third respondent is dispensed with.

4. The only request made by the petitioner is that he should be allowed to participate in the petition mentioned festival. The petitioner is not seeking conferment of any honour or respect. Right to worship is a guaranteed fundamental right. Therefore, the third respondent will not prevent the petitioner from offering his worship like any other devotee in a manner that is consistent with customary norms. I consciously refrain from conferring the status of Poojari. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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