



W.P.(MD)No.6777 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 20.03.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.6777 of 2024
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.6293 of 2024

Muthuraman @ Muthuramalingam

... Petitioner

versus

1. The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.
2. The District Revenue Officer,
Pudukkottai District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukkottai,
Pudukkottai District.
4. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Pudukkottai District,
Thanjavur Division,
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5. The Deputy Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.

6. The Executive Officer,
Senthagudi Sri Malai Mariyamman Temple,
Pudukkottai Devasthanam,
Senthagudi – 622 201
Pudukkottai District.

7. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office, Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

8. Balakrishnan Ambalam

9. Sakthivel

10. Natarajan

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the 6th respondent passed in Na.Ka.No.157/2014-1/11 dated 01.03.2024 and quash the same as far as the rotation system of taking of temple situate in the bullock cart from Senthagudi to Kulavaipatti and again from Kulavaipatti to Senthagudi for the year 2024 as stated in paragraph 3 of the proceedings and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 7 to acknowledge the petitioner's customary



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rights in the temple festival of Senthagudi Sri Malai Mariyamman Temple located at Senthagudi Village, S.Kulavaipatti, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Dhinakaran
For R1 to R5 : Mr.P.Subbaraj,
Special Government Pleader
For R6 : Mr.G.Madhavan
For R8 : Mr.T.M.Madasamy
For R9 : Mr.Paranjothi
for M/s.K.B.S. Law Office

ORDER

The communication dated 01.03.2024 sent by the Executive Officer to the Tahsildar, Alangudi, seeking protection for conducting Panguni Uttram festival in Sri Malai Mariyamman Temple, Senthagudi Village, S.Kulavaipatti, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the Amman statue would be taken from Senthagudi to Kulavaipatti and again from Kulavaipatti to Senthagudi, in the presence of the 8th



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respondent, Balakrishnan Ambalam. The petitioner alone was taking the Amman statue in the Bullock Cart from Senthagudi to Kulavaipatti.

The petitioner's right was also acknowledged by the Revenue Authorities in the Peace Committee Meeting held in the year 2012, 2013, 2018, 2022 and 2023 and the petitioner is performing the same for more than 34 years. Now, by the impugned communication, the 6th respondent, without issuing any notice to the petitioner, has recorded as if his right has been conferred on the 8th respondent. Therefore, the petitioner has filed this writ petition.

3. The petitioner has attempted to make out a case based on the proceedings of the Tahsildar, Alangudi. The Tahsildar, Alangudi is not having any role to play in the affairs of the administration of the temple. By the impugned communication, the Executive Officer has sought permission from the Tahsildar, Alangudi, to protect law and order problem. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the order.



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WEB COPY 4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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