



W.P(MD)No.12020 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.06.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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S.Palaniselvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Kovilpatti,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Ettayapuram Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Ettayapuram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

4.A.Sivanandham

5.Pon Mariappan & Mani

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant permission to conduct Vaikasi Festival of Arulmigu Sri Seelaikariamman Temple situated at T.Arunachalapuram, Keezha Eral, Ettayapuram Taluk, Thoothukudi District scheduled on 11.06.2024.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.J.Karthick

For Respondents : Mr.N.Ga.Natraj
Government Advocate for R1 & R2

: Mr.A.Albert James
Government Advocate (Crl.side) for R3

: Mr.B.Suresh for R4

: Mr.N.Kamesh for R5

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. I have consistently held that for conducting temple festivals as per customary practice, permission from the revenue authority is not required.

3. The learned Government Advocate on instructions states that so long as there is no law and order issue, the authority will not interfere in the matter. The petitioner is only a poojari. The temple shall not be closed for any reason citing the inter-se dispute between the parties.

4. With this observation and declaration, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

No costs.

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