



WP(MD)No.16872 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 25.07.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

**WP(MD)No.16872 of 2024
and
WMP(MD)No.14528 of 2024**

B.Madasamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The District Revenue Officer,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Ramanathapuram Revenue Division,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Ramanathapuram Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 5.The Village Administrative Officer,
Therbogi Village,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 6.The Inspector of Police,
Devipattinam Police Station
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7.Karnan

8.Muthusamy

9.Nagendran

10.Murugan

11.Saminathan

12.Adaikalam

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbear the respondents from interfering with the daily poojas, worship and celebration of festival in Sri Mayandi Sudalai Eesan Temple in S.F No.107/2A of Therbogi Village, Ramanathapuram Taluk & District based on the petitioner's representation dated 01.07.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.N.Ramanathan

For Respondent : Mr.D.Sasikumar,
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R5

Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate (crl.side) for R6

Mr.R.Anand for R7 to R12

ORDER

Heard both sides.



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2.The private respondents herein represent the villagers. There is a traditional temple in the village. The petitioner was originally officiating as priest. Difference arose between the administrator of the temple and the petitioner. Thereafter, the petitioner was not associated with the temple. But he has constructed an independent temple in his patta land. The petitioner has moved this Court for restraining the private respondents from interfering with his right to celebrate festival.

3.If the petitioner wants to have public worship in the temple built in his patta land, then, the petitioner has to get permission from the District Collector. Without doing so, the petitioner cannot run any temple. I am not in a position to grant the relief sought for. But I make it clear that there will not be any prevention of the petitioner from doing his individual worship in the petition mentioned temple.

4.With this observation, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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