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WP No. 20125 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-06-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 20125 of 2025

Sunnathval Jamath Welfare Society
Rep By Its Secretary
A.Haja Najumudee,
No.589, C-bazaar Main Road,
Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk,
Thiruvarur-614 103

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Executive Officer
Tamilnadu Waqf Board,
No.1, Jaffer Syrang Street,
Vallal Seethakathi Nagar,
Chennai-600 001

2.The District Collector
District Collector Office,
Thiruvarur District

3.The Superintendent Of Police
Kuthanallur Police Station,
Kuthanallur.



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4.The Superintendent Of Waqf
Tamilnadu Waqf Board,
Thiruvarur District

5.The Voor Uravinmurai Nirvahasabai Arapani Sangam
Rep By Its Secretary
M.M.Rabiyudeen,
Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk,
Thiruvarur-614 103

6.Mela Pallivasal
Rep By Its President
A.M.Liaqat Ali,
Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk,
Thiruvarur-614 103

7.Periya Pallivasal
Rep By Its President
P.M.Shajhan,
Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk,
Thiruvarur-614 103

Respondent(s)

PRAYER Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to accord sanction for conducting prayers also in 6th and 7th respondents mosques located in Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk, Thiruvarur District, for the upcoming Bakrid festival scheduled on 07.06.2025.



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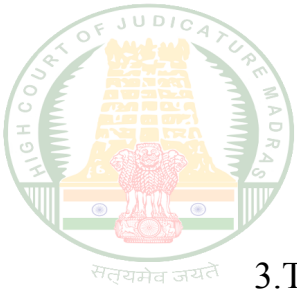
For Petitioner(s): A.Raja Mohamed

For Respondent(s): Mr.Mohamed Fayaz Ali,
Standing Counsel for R1 and R4
Mr.V.P.R.Elamparithi,
Additional Government Pleader
for R2
Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for R3

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for issue of writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to accord sanction for conducting prayers in the 6th and 7th respondents Mosques during the Bakrid festival scheduled on 07.06.2025.

2.Heard Mr.A.Raja Mohamed, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, Mr.Mohamed Fayaz Ali, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of respondents 1 & 4, Mr.V.P.R.Elamparithi, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the 2nd respondent and Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing on behalf of the 3rd respondent.



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3.The learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board submitted that the petitioner Society has filed this writ petition on an apprehension that the 6th and 7th respondents Mosques is going to be closed and whereas, clear instructions have been given to keep the mosques open in order to enable performing prayers during Bakrid.

4.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that even though the Waqf Board has given such instructions, the 5th respondent is attempting to close the Mosques and is preventing from performing the prayer during Bakrid.

5.On carefully considering the submissions made on either side and considering the materials available on record and also taking note of the earlier orders passed by this Court, it is seen that every time during Bakrid and Ramzan, the petitioner approaches this Court and pursuant to the directions issued by this Court, the prayers are conducted. Hence, a similar direction can be issued in the present writ petition also.



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6. In the light of the above discussion, there shall be a direction to the 1st respondent to ensure that the Mosques are kept open and all are permitted to participate in the prayer and if any law and order problem is created, the 3rd respondent shall ensure that proper protection is given and the entire festival goes on peacefully.

7. This writ petition is disposed of in the above terms. No Costs.

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