



W.P.No.29316 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.02.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

W.P.No.29316 of 2023
and W.M.P. No.28944 of 2023

R.Thangaraj

Vs

.... Petitioner

1.District Collector,
Salem, Fort Main Road,
Salem, Tamil Nadu 636 001.

2.Superintendent of Police Salem,
Nathimedu, Salem 636 002.

3.Navapatti Panchayat,
Rep. By its President,
Mettur, Salem 636 452.

4.Periyasami

5.Munusamy

6.Arumugam

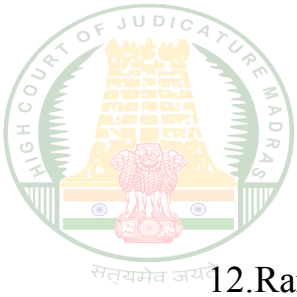
7.Chithaiyan

8.Balan

9.Andiappan

10.Sekar

11.Mairappan



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12.Ramesh

13.Mohan Raj

14.Munusamy

15.Muthusamy

16.Govindaraj

17.Kumaresan

18.Rajesh

.... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of Writ of Mandamus for directing the respondents 1 and 2 to take action on the representation dated 07.08.2023 submitted by the petitioner and restore the right to worship in Sree Sakthi Mariamman Temple, Navapatti Panchayat, Mettur, Salem District.

For Petitioner : Ms.S.Nandhini Devi

For Respondents : Mr.P.Balanthandayutham,
Special Government Pleader for R1
Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side) for R2

ORDER



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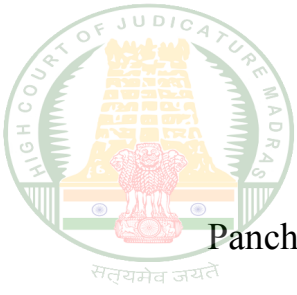
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This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction directing the respondents 1 and 2 to take action on the representation dated 07.08.2023 submitted by the petitioner and restore the right to worship in Sree Sakthi Mariamman Temple, Navapatti Panchayat, Mettur, Salem District.

2. The crux of the complaint is that the petitioner and his family members were excommunicated from the village and they were not permitted to worship Sree Sakthi Mariamman Temple situated in Navapatti Panchayat, Mettur, Salem District .

3.Though, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that on 10.02.2025, the Kumbabishekam was conducted for the said temple, in which the petitioner's contribution was not received by the villagers, on perusal of the counter filed by the second respondent and also the submissions made by the petitioner, now the petitioner and his family members are permitted to worship and they are never excommunicated from the village

4. In view of the above, the petitioner and his family members are permitted to worship Sree Sakthi Mariamman Temple, Navapatti



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Panchayat, if any interference by the respondents 3 to 18 herein, the petitioner is at liberty to approach the second respondent and on receipt of the same, the second respondent is directed to take action in accordance with law.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

Connected Miscellaneous Petition is also closed. No costs.

20.02.2025

Index : Yes/No
Neutral citation : Yes/No
Speaking/non-speaking order
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