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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE **Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**

W.P.No.32476 of 2025

Mr.V.Bhoopalan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.Additional Secretary
Tamil Nadu Government
Tourism and Culture and Religious Endowment Board
Secretariat, Chennai 600 005.
- 2.The District Collector
Collectorate Office, Manjakuppam
Cuddalore-607 001.
- 3.Revenue Divisional Officer
Collectorate Office
Cuddalore-607001.
- 4.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Endowment Department
119, Uttamar Gandhi Road
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.
- 5.Assistant Commissioner, HR & CE,
Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District.



6.The Executive Officer, HR & CE
Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District.

7.The Tahsildar
Panruti Taluk
Cuddalore 604 204.

8.The Inspector
E-2 Puthupet Police Station
Panruti-607108.

9.The Village Administrative Officer
Karumbur Vilage
Cuddalore-607108.

10.Muralidharan

11.Ramakrishnan

12.Selvaraj

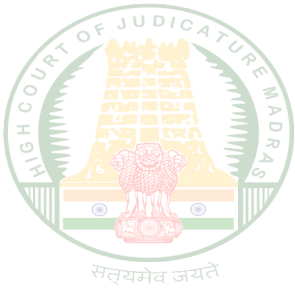
13.Ambedkar

14.Ayyannar

15.Muthukumar

.. Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1 to 9 respondents to consider and dispose of my representation dated 08.08.2025 to ensure equal and unhindered access to the "Sri Balamurugan temple' for all the villagers of Karumbur Panchayat, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District on 28.08.2025 Kumbhabhishekam festive and to formulate the new temple committee consisting of Karumbur villager.



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For Petitioner : Mrs.K.Indumathy Venkatesh

For Respondents : Mr.K.Karthikeyan
Government Advocate
for R1, R4, R5, R6

Mr.P.Ganesan
Additional Government Pleader
for R2, R3, R7, R9

Mr.V.Meganathan
Government Advocate (Crl.side)
for R8

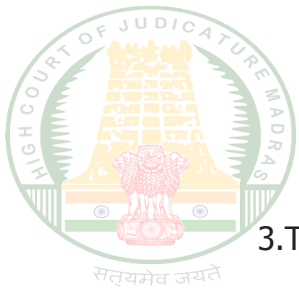
ORDER

1.The 5th and 6th respondents in this writ petition shall be reframed as follows:

5.Assistant Commissioner, HR & CE, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District.

6.The Executive Officer, HR & CE, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District.

2.This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to deal with the representation made by the petitioner wherein the petitioner is seeking for access to the temple for all the villagers belonging to Karumbur Panchayat, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District.

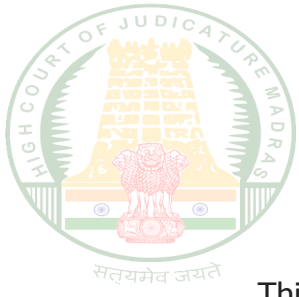


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3.The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the official respondent on instructions submitted that Sri Balamurugan Temple is not under the direct administration of the HR & CE Department. However, at the time of renovation, the Department had given a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- to meet the expenses. The learned Government Advocate submitted that the temple in question is a public temple and therefore everyone must be allowed to access the temple.

4.The grievance expressed by the petitioner is that respondents 10 to 15 are preventing the petitioner and others from having access to the temple and offering their prayers to god.

5.In the considered view of this Court, the temple in question is a public temple. Therefore, everyone must have access to the temple irrespective of their community and everyone must be permitted to offer their prayers to god. This shall be ensured by the respondents 5 to 8. The 8th respondent shall also ensure that no law and order problem is created and if any such problem is created, action shall be taken in accordance with law.



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This writ petition is disposed of the above terms. No costs.

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