



W.P.(MD) No.4612 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 06.03.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU**

AND

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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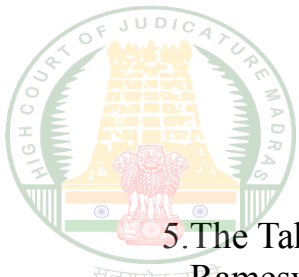
W.M.P.(MD)No.3303 of 2025

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

- 1.The Union of India,  
Rep. by its Principal Foreign Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
E-Block, Central Secretariat,  
New Delhi.
- 2.The District Collector,  
Ramanathapuram District,  
Ramanathapuram.
- 3.The Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Administrative Office Building,  
Thenampet, Chennai-06.
- 4.The Assistant Director of Fisheries,  
Fisheries Department,  
Olaikuda Post, Rameswaram Taluk,  
Ramanathapuram.



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5. The Tahsildar,  
Rameswaram,  
Ramanathapuram District.

6. Fr.A.Santhiyagu

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the impugned letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent dated 07.02.2025 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, to direct the respondents to provide protection and permission to the traditional fishermen to visits as pilgrims from Tamil Nadu to Katchatheevu through their Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Motorized Vallam.

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| For Petitioner | : Mr.M.Jerin Mathew                                       |
| For R1         | : Mr.K.Govindarajan,<br>Deputy Solicitor General of India |
| For R2 to R5   | : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,<br>Government Pleader                |

### **ORDER**

**[Order of the Court was made by *J.NISHA BANU, J.*]**

The letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent dated 07.02.2025 is under challenge in this Writ Petition.

2. Though larger relief has been sought for by the petitioner in this petition, today (06.03.2025), when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned



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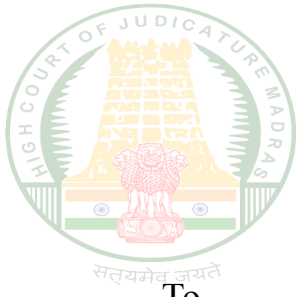
counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that it would suffice, if the representation made by the petitioner is directed to be considered and disposed of by the official respondents within a stipulated period that may be fixed by this Court.

3.Considering the request made by the petitioner, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner either in the representation or in the affidavit filed in support of this Writ Petition, we direct the official respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 12.02.2024, after giving sufficient opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve [12] weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4.With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

**[J.N.B., J.] & [S.S.Y., J.]**  
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