



W.P(MD)No.8995 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 18.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.8995 of 2024
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.8178 of 2024

S.A.Raju

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Madurai District,
Office at Moontrumavadi,
Alagarkoil Road,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned order of the 1st respondent vide his Memo issued in O.Mu.No.52556/2022/C1 dated 19.10.2022 and quash the same and direct the respondents herein to pass appropriate orders to build a Manimandapam and statue of the King Perumpidugu Mutharayar in R.Sy.No.37/3B2 of Poigaikarai Patti Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District with in a time which is stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Krishna Doss

For Respondents : Mr.R.Ragavendran,
Government Advocate for R1.
Mr.A.Albert James,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R2.

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The writ petitioner is a political activist. He belongs to Mutharaiyar community. The petitioner wants to install a statue of the King “Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar” in the petition mentioned survey number. It is not in dispute that it is a patta land. The petitioner approached the first respondent for permission. Permission was rejected. Challenging the same, this writ petition has been filed.

3.My attention is drawn to the order dated 04.01.2024 made in W.P.(MD)No.24595 of 2023. Following the earlier decisions of this Court, I had held that for installing statue of a leader in one's patta land, there is no need to obtain permission from the authority concerned. The impugned order is therefore quashed. The petitioner is at liberty to



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install the petition mentioned statue in the petition mentioned patta land.

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I make it clear that the relief granted in this writ petition is only regarding installation and unveiling of the statue. As regards construction of Manimandapam, the petitioner will have to obtain permission from the authority concerned.

4.This writ petition is partly allowed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
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