



W.P.(MD)No.4061 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 30.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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A.P.Ravichandran

... Petitioner

Vs.

**1.The District Collector,
Karur District,
Karur.**

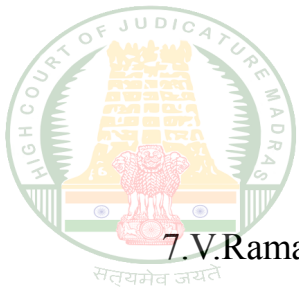
**2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Karur District,
Karur.**

**3.The Tahsildar,
Karur,
Karur District.**

**4.The Superintendent of Police,
Karur District,
Karur.**

**5.The Inspector of Police,
Velliyanai Police Station,
Velliyanai,
Karur District.**

6.Muthusamy



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7.V.Ramanathan

8.M.Sivasamy

9.Jeyabalan

10.Chinnasamy

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment made in Velliyanai River in S.No.930, situated at Vellaiyanai Village, Karur Taluk, Karur District and restore the River as per the representation of the petitioner dated 05/02/2019.

For Petitioner :Mr.S.Gokul Raj

For Respondents :Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam
Government Advocate
for R1 to R3

: Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R4 & R5

: Mr.M.P.Senthil
for R6 to R10

ORDER

Heard both sides.



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2. It is not in dispute that Survey No.930 in Vellaiyanai Village has been classified as “river”. It is stated that in Survey No.948, a temple which is 300 years old is in existence. It is well settled that if such a temple was in existence before August 1947, it cannot be disturbed. Be that as it may, the learned counsel for the private respondents states that on the full moon of Aippasi and Shivaratri, Annathanam will be conducted and in connection with the said event, a temporary structure will be put up. It is further undertaken that the said temporary structure will be put up only for two days and then it will be dismantled.

3. We direct the authorities to ensure that the said undertaking is honoured in letter and spirit. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

[G.R.S., J.] [B.P., J.]
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