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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

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Ajitha Agnel

... Petitioner

Vs.

Joint Commissioner,
East Zone,
Thoothukudi Corporation.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the impugned order in Na.Ka.No.E1/0711/2025/E.Z. and quashing the same and subsequently directing the respondent to grant permission to place Thanneer Panthal in the same place where it was previously installed prior to its removal by Corporation i.e., East-Side to the entrance of Peraringar Anna Old Bus Stand, Tuticorin.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Suthakar

For Respondent : Mr.N.Anand Kumar
Standing Counsel



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ORDER

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2. The respondent has rejected the request on the ground that there are already two other 'Thanneer Panthals' at that location, and that the petitioner may put up a 'Thanneer Panthal' near the fencing of SAV Ground, situated on the western side entrance of the Bus Stand.

3. It appears that 'Thanneer Panthals' have become a platform for political parties to advertise themselves. There cannot be any unilateral selection of one political party over another in absence of any Rules/Guidelines for putting up 'Thanneer Panthals'. More particularly, no permission should be granted for garnering publicity of any political party if the intention for putting up 'Thanneer Panthals' is for service to the public. If the intention of the petitioner is to serve water in these 'Thanneer Panthals', the petitioner cannot demand for a specific location. Therefore, this Writ Petition lacks merit and is liable to be dismissed.



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WEB COPY 4. Therefore, the respondent is directed to ensure that 'Thanneer Panthals' are not used as a means for publicity and no publicity materials like political banners are displayed in the 'Thanneer Panthals'. If there are publicity materials in the 'Thanneer Panthals', they shall be removed forthwith.

5. This Writ Petition is dismissed with the above observations. No costs.

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