



W.P.Crl.(MD)Nos.599 & 600 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 13.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

Writ Petition Criminal (MD) Nos.599 & 600 of 2025

Chinna Karuppan

..Petitioner in W.P.Crl(MD)No.599 of 2025

Pitchan Poosari

..Petitioner in W.P.Crl(MD)No.600 of 2025

Vs

- 1.The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.
- 2.The Tahsildar,
Ponamaravathi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.
- 3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ponamaravathi Division,
Ponamaravathi,
Pudukkottai District.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
Ponamaravathi Police Station,
Ponamaravathi,
Pudukkottai District.
- 5.Subbaiah Ambalam

... Respondents1 to 5 in both petitions



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Kannan @ Subbaiha

... 6th Respondent in W.P.CRL(MD)No.599/2025

Palanivelu

... 6th Respondent in W.P.CRL(MD)No.600/2025

M.S.Ramachandran ... 7th Respondent in both petitions

(R7 is impleaded as suo motu as per order dated 04.08.2025)

Prayer in W.P.CRL(MD)No.599/2025: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the 4th respondent to provide police protection to conduct Poojas in the capacity of Kidavetti based on the petitioner's representation dated 28.06.2025.

Prayer in W.P.CRL(MD)No.600/2025: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the 4th respondent to provide police protection to conduct Poojas in the capacity of Poojari based on the petitioner's representation dated 28.06.2025.



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In both petitions:

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Balakrishnan

For Respondents : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Addl. Public Prosecutor
(for R1 to R4)

Mr.R.Senthilkumar (for R5 & R6)

Mr.Babu Rajendran (for R7)

COMMON ORDER

These petitions are filed pertaining to a temple festival in Kandueduthanpatti village.

2. The petitioner in W.P.(MD) No.599 of 2025 claims the right to perform the goat sacrifice during the temple festival, while the petitioner in W.P.(MD) No.600 of 2025 claims the right to act as Poojari. In view of this claims, there was a clash between two groups and there were several litigations are also pending. Therefore, the request for conducting the temple festival was rejected by the respondent police. Hence, these writ petitions are filed before this court.



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3. The respondent police submitted that, in view of the ongoing dispute between the two groups, they were not in a position to grant permission for the temple festival. Considering the rival submissions, this Court appointed Mr.K.Prabhu, learned counsel, as mediator to facilitate the conduct of the festival on behalf of the village in a peaceful manner, with participation from both groups, and to ensure that no untoward incident occurred.

4. The mediator has filed a report stating that the village festival was conducted peacefully, with no untoward incident, and that no first honour was conferred upon anyone during the festival.

5. By an earlier order dated 04.08.2025, this Court had *suo motu* impleaded Mr.M.S.Ramachandran as a party to these proceedings based on the averments made by both sides. When the petitions were taken up for hearing, it was reported that the said Mr.M.S.Ramachandran had passed away in the morning.

6. Recording the submissions of the mediator, these writ petitions are closed, with liberty to the petitioner in W.P.(MD) No.600 of 2025 to workout his remedy before the appropriate forum.

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