



W.P.Crl.(MD) Nos.872 & 974 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 08.09.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Ganapathi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Thoothukudi North Police Station,
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.

3.Senthilmurugan

4.Muthuganesh

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 30.07.2025 and to grant adequate police protection for the temple festival of Shri Vembadi Sudalaimada Swamy, Shri Bhrammaratchi and Shri Petchiamman Temple, Muthu Naicker Street, Thoothukudi scheduled on 15.09.2025 to 17.09.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Aswin Raja Simman
For R1 & R2 : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram
Additional Public Prosecutor
For R4 : Mr.Aayiramk.Selvakumar

W.P.Crl.(MD) No.974 of 2025

S.Muthu Ganesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
North Police Station,
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.

3.P.Balamurugan

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to award adequate police protection to conduct the temple festival for the Sri Brahmamasakthi, Sri Petchiamman and Sri Vembadi Sudalaimuthu Swamy Temple situated at Naicker Kovil Street, Thoothukudi, which is scheduled to be held from 15.09.2025 to 17.09.2025 based on the petitioner's representation dated 26.07.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.Aayiramk.Selvakumar
For R1 & R2 : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram
Additional Public Prosecutor

COMMON ORDER

These Writ Petitions have been filed by the respective petitioners for a direction to the first and second respondents to consider their respective representations and grant adequate police protection for the festival of the same temple.

2. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the first and second respondents would submit that there is a civil dispute between the parties, i.e., the petitioners and the third respondents herein and others, and that this Court, by an interim order dated 18.08.2025 in these Writ Petitions, had directed the parties to appear before the Mediation Centre to explore the possibility of settlement, but the mediation has failed.

3. It is seen that one Ganapathi, the petitioner in W.P.Crl.(MD) No. 872 of 2025, and the rival party, S.Muthu Ganesh, the petitioner in W.P.Crl.(MD) No.974 of 2025, have filed these Writ Petitions seeking the very same relief. In view of the dispute between the two petitioners, which



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has to be resolved only by the civil court, the police cannot interfere and grant protection. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to issue any direction to the first and second respondents to provide police protection as prayed for in these Writ Petitions.

4. Accordingly, these Writ Petitions are dismissed. No costs.

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