



W.P(MD)No.24423 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 10.09.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.24423 of 2025

and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.19161, 19162 and 19164 of 2025

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Melur Taluk, Madurai District.
- 2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Melur, Madurai District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Melur Police Station,
Madurai District.
- 4.The Village Administrative Officer,
Sukkampatti Village,
Melur Taluk,
Madurai District.
- 5.Rajadevan
- 6.Kanji Prabu
- 7.Dilipkumar
- 8.Saravanan

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9.N.Tamilarasan

... Respondents

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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, the impugned order passed by the first respondent in her proceedings No. Nil dated 07.08.2025 and quash the same and consequently directing the respondents No.1 to 4 to take action against the violators.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.M.Arun Swaminathan

For Respondents : Mr.K.S.Selvaganesan,
Addl. Government Pleader for R1 & R4.
Mr.A.Albert James,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R2 & R3.
Mr.R.Shankar Ganesh for R8.

ORDER

The case on hand pertains to the affairs of the petition-mentioned temple. I suggested to the counsel on either side to agree for a consent order. Accordingly, based on the consent of the writ petitioner and the eighth respondent, this writ petition is disposed of on the following terms:



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(a) The petition-mentioned temple will be kept open for public worship from 07.00 am to 09.00 am and 06.00 pm to 08.00 pm on all days.

(b) The petitioner shall ensure that at any given point of time, four functional CCTVs will be kept installed.

(c) Since the temple is meant for worship of the general public, during Vinayagar Chaturthi and Iyyappan season, the devotees are entitled to utilise the temple premises for religious activities. The petitioner's prior permission shall be sought and it shall be given. The organisers must undertake before the petitioner that when the activities are concluded, the temple premises should be litter-free and the temple properties do not suffer any damage.

(d) It is further undertaken that the main gate will be kept open. The key will be with the writ petitioner. He shall open the main gate at 07.00 am and lock the same at 08.00 pm. The jurisdictional police are called upon to keep a watch to ensure that no illegal activity takes place inside the temple premises.

(e) The petitioner also states that the private respondents can remove the idol of Vinayagar installed in the temple premises for visarjan purpose.



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(f) This arrangement is subject to any decree that may be passed by the jurisdictional civil court or authority under the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Endowments Act.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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