



W.P.Crl.(MD) No. 2474 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 09.12.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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and

W.M.P(MD)Nos. 575 & 576 of 2025

Kaliyappan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector, Theni District.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Periyakulam, Theni District.
3. The Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Periyakulam, Theni District.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Theni District.
5. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,, Periyakulam Sub Division, Theni District.
6. The Inspector of Police, Devathanapatti Police Station, Periyakulam, Theni District.
7. The Sub Inspector of Police, Devathanapatti Police Station, Periyakulam, Theni District.



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8. Chellapandi S/o. Subbiah Amabalam, Driver,
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Periyakulam Sub Division, Theni District.

9. The Joint Commissioner, HR and CE Department (Admn),
Dindigul District.

10. The Executive Officer,
Arulmighu Moongianai Kamatchiamman Temple,
Devathanapatti, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District.

11. Ganesan ... Respondents

PRAYER: To issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus impugned report of 5th respondent in Na.Ka.No.23/Pothu/Vu.Ko.A.Pe/2025 dated 06.12.2025, quash the same as false, biased, illegal and consequently directing the respondents 1 to 7 and respondents 9 and 10 herein to conduct temple festival scheduled on 09.12.2025 for carrying Arulmighu Marutha Kaliyamman Thirukovil, Kullapuram, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District, on Keela Street, 8th Ward through 9th Ward public village panchayat road following women worshippers taking Ma Vilakku and Mulaipari, with sufficient and adequate police protection.

For Petitioner : Mr.Y. Sasikumar

For Respondents : Mr.P. Thambidurai,
Government Advocate, for R-1 to 3 & 9
Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate (crl.side), for R-4 to 7

Dr.C.Guhaseela Rupan, for R-10



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Mr.Karthick Kumar, for R-11

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to quash the impugned report of 5th respondent dated 06.12.2025 and consequently directing the respondents 1 to 7 and respondents 9 and 10 herein to conduct temple festival scheduled on 09.12.2025 for carrying Arulmighu Marutha Kaliyamman Thirukovil, Kullapuram, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District, on Keela Street, 8th Ward through 9th Ward public village panchayat road following women worshippers taking Ma Vilakku and Mulaipari, with sufficient and adequate police protection.

2. The specific case of the petitioner is that he intends to conduct the 'Ma Vilakku' and 'Mulaipari' festival through a route which is communally sensitive. Therefore, the respondent police considered the request and rejected the permission sought by the petitioner. It is submitted that an alternative route is available, which is shown in green in the sketch. However, the objection raised by the other group is that, at present, there is no festival being conducted in the temple. Therefore, the claim of the petitioners to conduct any festival does not arise.



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3. Considering all these aspects, this Court is not inclined to entertain this petition.

4. Accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed. However, the petitioner is directed to approach the HR & CE Department, who is the competent authority, as the present temple comes within its purview, to establish their customary rights. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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11. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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