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W.P.No.7931 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Vivekanandhan
S/o. Ramalingam
Therkku Kaadu
Chinnammayakan Palayam
Vazhapadi, Salem -636 104.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary
Department of Law and Justice
Union of India, 4th Floor, A-Wing
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Secretary
The Department of Law
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai-600 009.
3. The Secretary
Department of Environment, Climate
Change and Forest
Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat
Fort. St. George, Chennai-600 009

Respondent(s)



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Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd and 3rd Respondents to consider the Representation dated 27.10.2025 sent by the petitioner to amend the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 as per Entry 17B, List III of Seventh Schedule by removing the Bengal Fox from Schedule I of the Act by using the legislative power to restore the centuries old belief, tradition culture and customary religious practice of celebrating "Vanga Nari Pongal" (Bengal Fox Pongal) by the People of Chinname Naickenpalayam Panchayat, Vazhapadi Taluk, Salem District.

For Petitioner(s): M/s. B.Janakiram

For Respondent(s): Dr.G.Babu
Senior Panel Counsel for R1
M/s. Akila Rajendran
Government Advocate for R2 & R3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

After arguing for sometime, learned counsel for petitioner seeks to withdraw the petition on the statement that petitioner intends to challenge some of the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, as, it places undue restriction on centuries old belief, tradition, culture and customary religious practice followed by agriculturists.



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2. With liberty, petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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