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WP No.16506 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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K.Santhana Krishnan
124, Panangattu Thottam
Karavalsu, Vazhaithottam Post,
Sivagiri via Erode -638 104.

: Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious 7 Charitable Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam, Chennai -600 034.
- 2.The Superintendent of Police
Idol Wing, Police Training College
Ashok Nagar, Chennai -600 083.
- 3.The Inspector of Police
Idol Wing, West Zone, Coimbatore
- 4.Manickam
Village Administrative Officer
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.
- 5.R. Shankar
Idayankattu Thottam
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.
- 6.C. Arul Ravi
Sevurungattu Thottam
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post

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Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

7.M. Palanisamy
Povilakarar Veedu
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

8.D. Satish
Povilakarar Veedu
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

9.Thanikasalam
Idayankattu Thottam
Povilakarar Veedu
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

10.C. Sakthivel
Idayankattu Thottam
Povilakarar Veedu
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

11.C. Murugesan
Povilakarar Veedu
Karavalasu, Vazhaithottam Post
Sivagiri Via Erode District -638 109.

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 2 and 3 to consider the petitioner's complaints dated 28.07.2025 and 08.09.2025 and conduct an enquiry based on the said complaints by conducting search in respondents 4 to 11 places and seize the Bagavathi Amman Idol and proceed in accordance with the law.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Sundara Vadhanan

For Respondents : Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan,
Special Government Pleader,
for the first respondent

Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan,
Additional Public Prosecutor,
for respondents 2 and 3



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ORDER

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

This petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeks a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 2 and 3 to consider the petitioner's complaints dated 28.07.2025 and 08.09.2025 and conduct search in places belonging to respondents 4 to 11 and seize the Bagavathi Amman idol.

2. Learned counsel for respondents 2 and 3, on instructions, submitted that complaints filed by the petitioner have been considered, inquired into and subsequently closed. He further submits that there exists a private dispute between the petitioner and the temple administration.

3. Without going into the merits of the case, we dispose of the petition with a direction to respondents 2 and 3 to serve a copy of the closure report to the petitioner, within a period of one week from today. There will be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, C.J.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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