

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

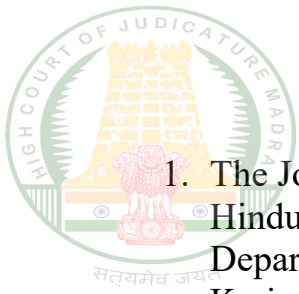
W.P. No. 25171 of 2026

and W.M.P.No.27443 of 2026

1. V.Periasamy
Son of the Late Veeramuthu
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Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District - 636 112.
2. M. Krishnan
Son of the Late Mappukan
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District 636 112.
3. M. Veeramuthu
Son of the Late Mari
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District 636 112.
4. P. Maasi
Son of the Late Periasamy
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District 636 112

..Petitioner(s)

Vs



1. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
Kariyaperumal Koil Salai,
Nethemedu, Salem 636 002
2. The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
Kariyaperumal Koil Salai,
Nethemedu, Salem 636 002
3. The Executive Officer
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
At Sri Balasubramaniya Samy Thirukoil,
Vadachennimalai Kattukottai, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District
4. The Executive Magistrate/Thasildar
Talaivasal Taluk,
Talaivasal, Salem District.
5. The Inspector of Police
Talaivasal Police Station,
Talaivasal, Salem District.
6. P. Muthusamy
Son of the Late Palanimuthu
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District 636 112.
7. . P. Sriram
Son of the Late Perumal
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
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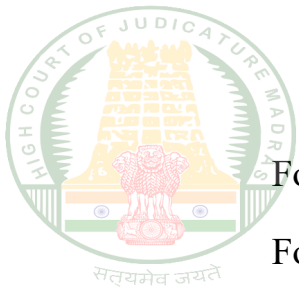
8. S. Selvaraj
Son of the Late Senthamarai
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Salem District 636 112

9. T. Maharaja
Son of the Late Thangaraj
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Salem District 636 112.

10. A. Prabhu
Son of the Late Arulmani
Navakkuruchi Post, Talaivasal Taluk,
Salem District 636 112

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 3 and 4 herein to conduct and oversee the temple festival of Sri Vadakaraiyan alias Muthaiah constructed on water stream in S. No. 36 at Navakkuruchi Village, Talaivasal Taluk, Salem District since declared as public temple which was scheduled between 02.07.2026, 03.07.2026 and 04.07.2026. My representation dated 09.04.2026 made by us to the respondents 1 to 4 herein by speed post to consider and as per the direction given by this Honble Court in W.P. No. 19731 of 2025 dated 29.05.2025 and consequently direct the respondents 3 and 4 herein to conduct the temple festival every year in the interest of devotees and village public.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr. L.Muthusamy

For Respondent(s): Mr.D.Yashwanth Rajan

Government Counsel for R1 to R3

Mr.B.Pachaiyappan

Government Counsel for R4

Mr.Durai Gunasekaran

Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R5

Mr.A.Raja Kumar for R6 and R7

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 3 and 4 to conduct, administer and oversee the annual temple festival of Sri Vadakaraiyan alias Muthaiyah Temple, situated in Survey No.36, Navakkuruchi Village, Talaivasal Taluk, Salem District.

2. According to the petitioners, the said temple has been declared as a public temple and the temple festival for the current year has been scheduled to be conducted from 02.07.2026 to 04.07.2026. It is the further case of the petitioner that a representation dated 09.04.2026 was submitted to respondents 1 to 4 requesting them to make necessary arrangements for conducting the temple festival in accordance with the earlier directions issued by this Court in W.P. No.19731 of 2025 dated 29.05.2025 and to ensure that the festival is conducted



every year in the interest of the devotees and the villagers. Hence, the petitioners have filed this petition seeking appropriate orders from this Court.

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3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the official respondents submitted that necessary steps have already been initiated by the competent authorities for conducting and supervising the temple festival scheduled to be held from 02.07.2026 to 04.07.2026. It was further submitted that the temple festival has been conducted every year under the supervision of the authorities and appropriate arrangements are being made for the current year.

4. In view of the aforesaid submission made by the learned counsel for the official respondents, no further direction is required to be issued in the present Writ Petition, as the relief sought by the petitioner has substantially been complied with.

5. However, it is made clear that, in the event of any dispute relating to the conduct of the temple festival or if any law and order issue arises during the festival, the respondents 3 and 4 are at liberty to seek adequate police protection from the jurisdictional police authorities. Upon receipt of such request, or even



suo motu, if the jurisdictional police perceive any imminent threat to public peace, tranquillity or safety, they shall take appropriate preventive and protective measures and provide adequate police protection to ensure the peaceful, orderly and uninterrupted conduct of the temple festival. The police authorities shall also take all necessary steps to maintain law and order and safeguard the life and property of the devotees and the general public.

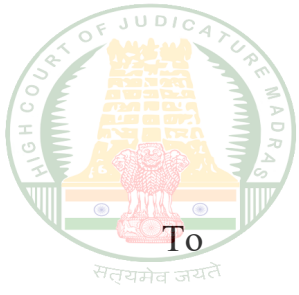
6. The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order to the ***Superintendent of Police, Salem District***, for taking appropriate steps.

7. With the above observations and directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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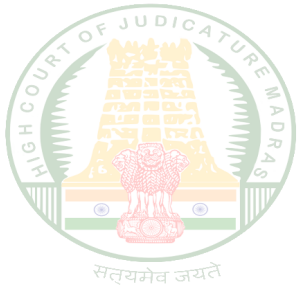
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