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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED :28.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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V.Kumaraiah

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Paramakudi Revenue Division,
Paramakudi,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 2.The Tahsildar,
Kadaladi Taluk,
Kadaladi,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Muthukulathur,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.The Insepctor of Police,
Kadaladi Police Station,
Kadaladi,
Ramanathapuram District.

5.S.Vivalinga Thevar

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a *Writ of Mandamus* directing the



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respondents 3 to 4 to grant permission on 15.02.2026 to conduct Annathanam, Villupattu and South Indian Classical Concert of Nadaswaram Melam on the eve of Masi Festival/Mahasivarathiri Festival of the Arulmigu Sri Vilvanathar Sametha Nithiyakalyani Ambigai Temple, Melakadaladi Village, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 03.01.2026.

For Petitioner :Mr.Raja.Karthikeyan

For Respondents :Mr.A.S.Abul Kaalam Azad, (for R1 to R4)
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 3 to 4 to grant permission on 15.02.2026 to conduct Annathanam, Villupattu and South Indian Classical Concert of Nadaswaram Melam on the eve of Masi Festival/Mahasivarathiri Festival of the Arulmigu Sri Vilvanathar Sametha Nithiyakalyani Ambigai Temple, Melakadaladi Village, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 03.01.2026.



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2.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that a peace committee meeting had already been conducted on 07.02.2024, and the Tahsildar had refused to grant permission to conduct Annathanam, Nadakam, and the Rekla race.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not insisted to conduct Nadakam and Rekla race. But, he seeks permission to conduct Annathanam, Villupattu and South Indian Classical Concert of Nadaswaram Melam.

4.Considering the facts of the case, this Court is inclined to pass the following order:

4.1.The Tahsildar shall conduct peace committee meeting. The petitioner and the rival groups shall be heard, after issuing notice and thereafter, appropriate orders shall be passed. Thereafter, the parties shall adhere to the outcome of the same. It is made clear that nobody shall be entitled to claim first honour.



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5. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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