



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.453 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 13.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Raja Pandiyan

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Kayathar Police Station,
Kayathar Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.

3. Thangapandiyan

4. Madasamy

5. Sandhanapandi

6. Rama

7. Ganapathi

8. Karthik Pandiyan

9. Markesh

10. Mukesh

11. Mangalaraj

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12. Murugesh

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing to conduct an enquiry and dispose the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026 and consequently, directing the respondents 1 and 2 to grant permission to conduct the Kovil Kodai festival of Sri Nondi Karuppasamy Temply, situated at Kanginanginru Village, Kayathar Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held on 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr. A.B.Jeeva

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

For R-4, 5, 9 & 11: Mr.John Vincent

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to conduct an enquiry and dispose the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026 and consequently to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant permission to conduct the Kovil Kodai festival of Sri Nondi Karuppasamy Temply, situated at Kanginanginru Village, Kayathar Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held on 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026.



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2. After hearing the rival submissions, this Court appointed an Advocate Commissioner to conduct an election. It is submitted that the petitioner accepted the voter list suggested by the respondents. After election, it is seen that all 68 persons who cast their votes favoured the petitioner and not the respondents. The same is recorded.

3. However, in order to resolve the dispute, this year alone the respondents are permitted to conduct the festival on 15.02.2026 alone, between 6.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. From 12.01 a.m. on 16.02.2026 until 17.02.2026, the petitioner is permitted to conduct the festival. The petitioner is further directed to pay an additional sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Advocate Commissioner.

3. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No Costs.

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NOTE: Issue order copy on 16.02.2026

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To

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Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Kayathar Police Station,
Kayathar Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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