



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

WP CrI.(MD) NO. 440 of 2026

Rajendran

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Tenkasi District.

2. The Superintendent of Police
Tenkasi District.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Tenkasi District.

4. The Tahsildar
Kadayanallur Taluk
Tenkasi District.

5. The Deputy Superintendent of Police
Tenkasi District.

6. The Inspector of Police
Aiykudi Police Station
Tenkasi District.

7. The Sub Inspector of Police
Sambavar Vadakarai Police Station
Tenkasi District.

8. R.Sankara Ramalingam
Erstwhile President
Mathang Koil Street
Sambavar Vadakarai
Kadayanallur Taluk
Tenkasi District.



9. S.Karuppasamy

10. Annamalai

11. S.Sankararaman

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.S.Mohamed Mohideen

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad,

Government Advocate (Crl.side) for R2

Mr.M.Muthu Manikkam

Government Advocate for R1 and R3

Mr.R.J.Karthick for R9 to R11

Prayer:

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to dispose the representation dated 05.01.2026 of the petitioner and to provide police protection for the peaceful administration and celebration of Maasi Maha Shivaratri festival scheduled from 05.02.2026 to 16.02.2026 and on 22.02.2026 at Sri Angala Parameswari Temple in Sambavar Vadakarai at Tenkasi District.

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to dispose the representation dated 05.01.2026 of the petitioner and to provide police protection for the peaceful administration and celebration of Maasi Maha Shivaratri festival scheduled from 05.02.2026 to 16.02.2026 and on 22.02.2026 at Sri Angala Parameswari Temple in Sambavar Vadakarai at Tenkasi District.



2. In the previous year also, the same issue was raised and this Court has already considered the same in WP(MD)No.3954 of 2025 and has passed an order, dated 14.02.2026. The relevant portion of the order is extracted hereunder:

"7. Considering the submissions made by both side counsels and considering that the Maasi Maha Shivaratri festival is already scheduled from 16.02.2025 to 26.02.2025, this Court is inclined to pass the following orders: a) Both the parties are directed to conduct Maasi Maha Shivaratri festival from 16.02.2025 to 26.02.2025, without any law and order issue and disturbance to general public.

b) The 5th Respondent is directed to give adequate police protection at the time of conducting the Maasi Maha Shivaratri festival. At the same time, if any law and order issue created by any of the parties, the fifth respondent is at liberty to take appropriate action in the manner known to law."

3. Therefore, both the petitioner and the private respondents are directed to conduct the festival. As far as administration is concerned, the same is left open and the parties are at liberty to approach the competent authority and forum.

4. Mr.R.Jagadesan and Mr.E.S.Kailasam, are appointed as Advocate Commissioners to monitor the celebration. The petitioner is directed to pay Rs.40,000/- for Mr.R.Jagadesan and Rs.25,000/- for Mr.E.S.Kailasam as remuneration.



5. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

29-01-2026

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Note: Issue order copy on 30.01.2026.



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8. Mr. R. R. Jagadesan, (E.No.263/1980),
145-C-South Masi Street,
Tenkasi.
Contact No.9443613399.

9. Mr. E. S. Kailasam, (E.No.250/2001),
22, East Street,
Elathur-627 803,
Tenkasi District.
Contact No.9443613476.