



W.P.(MD).No.4314 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 13.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

W.P(MD)No.4314 of 2026

and

W.M.P(MD) No.3590 of 2026

Rajkumar

Vs

...Petitioner

1.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Rajapalayam Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam South Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

4.Shanmugavel

5.Balraj

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos.1 and 2 to ensure the peaceful and uninterrupted conduct of the Maha Sivarathiri festival scheduled to be held from 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026 at Sri Angala Eswari alias Matha Temple and its sub-temple, Sri Bommammal Temple, situated at Rajapalayam Town, Virudhunagar District, and to ensure

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that no obstruction, interference, or law and order problem is caused by Respondents 4 and 5 or any other persons.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan
For R-1 and R-2 : Mr.K.Balasubramani,
Special Government Pleader
For R-3 : Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent Nos.1 and 2 to ensure the peaceful and uninterrupted conduct of the Maha Sivarathiri festival scheduled to be held from 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026 at Sri Angala Eswari alias Matha Temple and its sub-temple, Sri Bommammal Temple, situated at Rajapalayam Town, Virudhunagar District, and to ensure that no obstruction, interference, or law and order problem is caused by respondents 4 and 5 or any other persons.

2. Mr.K.Balasubramani, learned Special Government Pleader, takes notice for respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Mr.A.Albert James, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), takes notice for the third respondent.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that there is an apprehension that respondents 4 and 5 may cause obstruction in conducting the Maha Sivarathiri festival. It is further submitted that an enquiry was conducted before the Revenue Divisional Officer with regard to patta issues, and respondents 4 and 5, claiming to be trustees of the said temples, may not permit the conduct of the festival scheduled from 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026. In this regard, the petitioner has made a representation to the respondents seeking police protection.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the third respondent submitted that appropriate arrangements would be made for providing adequate police protection to prevent any untoward incident during the conduct of the festival.

5. Recording the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), this Court directs the third respondent to provide sufficient police protection for the peaceful conduct of the Maha Sivarathiri festival from 15.02.2026 to 17.02.2026.



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6. With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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