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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 25/03/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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Chinnathambi

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli District, Tirunelveli.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Mukkual Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

3. Krishnaperumal
(R3 is Suo Motu Impleaded as Per Order of
This Court Dated 06.03.2026)

4. Mariappan

(R4 is impleaded vide Court order
dated 25.03.2026)

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Panguni Uthiram Festival on 01.04.2026 in Arasankulam Sri Santhanamariamman Sri Sudalaimadan Sri Kombamadan Thirukovil situated at Cheranmahadevi

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Taluk, Tirunelveli District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 23.02.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr. M..Prabu,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.S.Ravi for R1 and R2
Additional Public Prosecutor

Mr.Muthumalairaja for R4

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents herein to grant permission and protection to conduct the Panguni Uthiram Festival on 01.04.2026 in Arasankulam Sri Santhanamariamman Sri Sudalaimadan Sri Kombamadan Thirukovil situated at Cheranmahadevi Taluk, Tirunelveli District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 23.02.2026.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner's representation should be considered and he has to be permitted to conduct temple festival.

3. However, the learned counsel for the 4th respondent categorically contended that already, peace committee has been convened with the petitioner's group which is B Party and the 4th respondent group which is A



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party and it is only the A party who are entitled to conduct temple festival and the petitioner has in no manner any right to conduct festival, however he can participate in the festival.

4. Since rival claims have arisen with respect to the right to conduct temple festival, the second respondent is directed to put the petitioner's party and 4th respondent's party on notice and pass appropriate orders considering the petitioners representation and pass appropriate orders on or before 01.04.2026.

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

25.03.2026

NCC :yes / no

Index :yes / no

Note: Issue order copy on **26.03.2026**

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TO

1. The Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli District, Tirunelveli.
2. The Inspector of Police, Mukkual Police Station, Tirunelveli District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

L. VICTORIA GOWRI,J

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