



WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

WEB COPY

Dated : 23/03/2026

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE **MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI**

WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

Kanjana

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City, Madurai..

2. The Commissioner,
Madurai Corporation, Madurai..

3. The Inspector of Police,
C-1 Police Station, Vilakkuthoon,
Madurai - 625 001.

4. Rajaram

... Respondents

PRAYER : This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the 3rd respondent from in any manner interfering with the petitioner's street vending business at North and East Chithirai Veethi junction nearby Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple Park, Madurai City and by considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.02.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr. S.Murugapandi,



WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

For Respondents : Mr.S.S.Manoj - for R1 & R3
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
Mr.S.Vinayak for R2
Standing Counsel

ORDER

When the matter came up for hearing on 12.03.2026, this Court has passed the following order:

“This Writ Petition is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the third respondent from in any manner interfering with the petitioner's street vending business at North and East Chithirai Veethi junction nearby Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple Park, Madurai City and by considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.02.2026.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner is a woman of age 68 years, who is a senior citizen woman and conducting street vending business for the past more than 30 years near Meenakshi temple Park. However, due to the instigation of the fourth respondent, the third respondent police is hindering the petitioner's business, and hence the petitioner made a representation on 25.02.2026 in this regard. However, the third respondent police is continuing to trouble the petitioner, the petitioner has come up with this writ petition.



3. *The learned Government Advocate, submitted that the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is not fully correct, and his claim that the petitioner is a street vendor for the past 30 years has to be proved by him. But the fact is that she does not possess any license for street vending.*

4. *However, it seems there is a business rivalry between the fourth respondent and the petitioner. Since the fourth respondent is a necessary party, notice should be issued to the fourth respondent.*

5. *Considering the plight of the petitioner, this Court finds it necessary that the second respondent should forthwith issue a street vending license to the petitioner to secure her livelihood. It is made clear that the third respondent police should not cause any trouble to the petitioner till then.*

6. *Learned counsel appearing for the second respondent submitted that so far as far as Madurai Corporation is concerned, Town Vending Committee is not formed and hence, unless the same is formed, the question of issuing license to the street vendor license to the petitioner will not arise.*

7. *It is a mandate of the The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, that Street Vending Committee, has to be formed in every corporation for the purpose of issuance of license to the street vendors. However, it is*



WEB COPY



WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

seen that the Madurai Corporation has not bothered to form any committee so far and had also acted lethargically in permitting the third respondent police to hinder the livelihood of the street vendor like the petitioner for the reason that they don't have a street vending license.

*8. Post this case for compliance by the second respondent, on **23.03.2026**. The second respondent is directed to comply and report before this Court as to the issuance of street vending license to the petitioner. “*

2.Today (i.e., on 23.03.2026), this matter is listed under the caption 'for reporting compliance'.

3.When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the Corporation submitted that complying the order of this Court dated 12.03.2026, street vending license in UID No.TN336238037540305200010781, which was issued earlier to the petitioner in the year 2022, has been renewed and permission has been granted.



WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

4. In view of the above development, this Writ Petition is disposed of. The first respondent is directed not to disturb with the petitioner's vending business. This Court places appreciation on the learned counsel for the Corporation for strictly acting and having taken necessary steps to safeguard the livelihood of the petitioner. It is hereby clarified that this order shall not be treated as a precedent in any other case.

23.03.2026

NCC : yes / no
Index : yes / no
Rmk

To

1. The Commissioner of Police, Madurai City, Madurai.
2. The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Madurai.
3. The Inspector of Police, C-1 Police Station, Vilakkuthoon, Madurai - 625 001.



WEB COPY



WP CRL.(MD). No.1435 of 2026

L. VICTORIA GOWRI, J

Rmk

ORDER
IN
WP CRL.(MD) No.1435 of 2026

Date : 23/03/2026