



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.1655 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **25.03.2026**

CORAM:

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

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A.Thamba Nayakkar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dindigul District.

2. The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Gujiliyampaarai Police Station,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and provide adequate Police Protection to conduct festivals in Shri Muthalamman Temple, Shri Kaliyamman Temple, Sri Bhagavathy Amman and Shri Mariamman Temple from 24.03.2026 to 10.04.2026, situated at S.No. 1891, Koottakaaranpatti, Palayam Village, Gujiliyampaarai Taluk, Dindigul District in accordance with the schedule by considering the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2026 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.RM.Arun Swaminathan

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar

Government Advocate



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the respondents to grant permission and provide adequate police protection to conduct festivals in Shri Muthalamman Temple, Shri Kaliyamman Temple, Sri Bhagavathy Amman and Shri Mariamman Temple from 24.03.2026 to 10.04.2026, situated at S.No.1891, Koottakaaranpatti, Palayam Village, Gujiliyampaarai Taluk, Dindigul District in accordance with the schedule, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2026 within the time stipulated by this Court.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner sent a representation dated 20.03.2026 seeking adequate police protection to conduct festivals of the aforesaid temple.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials placed before this Court.

4. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the



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same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

5. In the light of the above observations and also the submissions made, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2026, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is also made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

6. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of.

25.03.2026

NCC : Yes / No
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TO:-

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Dindigul District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Gujiliyampaarai Police Station,
Dindigul District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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