



WP CRL.(MD). Nos.1663 and 1556 of 2026

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

WP CRL.(MD). Nos.1663 and 1556 of 2026
and
WPMP CRL.(MD). No.396, 380 and 381 of 2026

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1. S.Murugan
2. M.Muthiah
3. Mariappan
4. Pandi Gurusamy
5. Udhayakumar
6. A.Vallikannu

... Petitioners

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli District.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli Rural,
Tirunelveli District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Devarkulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents



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PRAYER :-

To pass an order or Direction or Writ more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus by directing the 2nd and 3rd respondent to award adequate police protection for their performing of Panguni Uthiram Celebration scheduled to be taken place from 31.03.2026 to 03.04.2026 in our Arulmigu Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil at Ilanthaikulam, Tirunelveli District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 07.03.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr. Anand R.,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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1. G.Vallikannu,
2. Kumareswaran Ayyanar,
3. Gurusamy,
4. Krishnasamy,
5. Kannan,
6. Saravanan,
7. N.Murugan,
8. V.Saravanan,



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9. Vallikannu,

10. Pithchaiya

... Petitioners

Vs

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Deverkulam Police Station, Devarkulam,
Tirunelveli District.

3. Murugan Chettiyar

4. Mela Elandhaikulam Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil,
Maintenance Committee Registered
in Reg. No. 19/2009 by its Authorized Persons,
Bearing Office at No. 75/5,
Daldurai Bunglow Street,
Kovilpatti.

5. Ramesh

6. Balamurugan

7. Selvakumar

8. Marikannan

9. Ganesan

10. Gurusamy

11. Manikandan

12. Marimuthu

... Respondents

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PRAYER :-

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To issue a Writ of Certorified Mandamus to call for the records on the file of the 1st respondent in connection impugned order passed by vide proceedings in Na.Ka.No.112/Forecast/Ka.Thu.Ka./Thili/Rural/2026 dated 05.03.2026 (served on 08.03.2026) to quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant police protection in the eve of Panguni Uthira festival of Mela Elandhaikulam Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil scheduled to be held on 01.04.2026 to 03.04.2026 based on the petitioners' representation dated 17.02.2026 as well as in the light of judgment decree dated 07.11.2013 passed in O.S.No.159 of 2008 on the file of the learned Additional District Munsif Court, Sankarankovil.

For Petitioner : Mr. Karthikeyavenkatachalapathy
for G.Thalaimuthurasu,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar for R1 and R2
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

Mr.R.Anand for R3

Mr.N.Balasubramanian for R4 to R12

ORDER

The Writ Petition in WP Crl.(MD)No.1663 of 2026 is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus by directing the 2nd and 3rd respondent to award



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adequate police protection for their performing of Panguni Uthiram Celebration scheduled to be taken place from 31.03.2026 to 03.04.2026 in our Arulmigu Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil at Ilanthaikulam, Tirunelveli District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 07.03.2026.

2. The Writ Petition in WP Crl.(MD)No.1556 of 2026 is filed to issue a Writ of Certoriarified Mandamus to call for the records on the file of the 1st respondent in connection impugned order passed by vide proceedings in Na.Ka.No.112/Forecast/Ka.Thu.Ka./Thili/Rural/2026 dated 05.03.2026 (served on 08.03.2026) to quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant police protection in the eve of Panguni Uthiram festival of Mela Elandhaikulam Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil scheduled to be held on 01.04.2026 to 03.04.2026 based on the petitioners' representation dated 17.02.2026 as well as in the light of judgment decree dated 07.11.2013 passed in O.S.No.159 of 2008 on the file of the learned Additional District Munsif Court, Sankarankovil.



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3. When both the writ petitions were taken up together before this Court, the respective parties along with their counsels appeared before this Court and had extended their willingness to amicably settle their scores among themselves and Cooperate with each other for the conduct of Panguni Uthiram celebration scheduled to be take conducted from 31.03.2026 to 03.04.2026 in Arulmigu Sri Yanaimel Ayyanar Thirukovil Mela Elandhaikulam.

4. In view of the same, the impugned proceedings in Na.Ka.No. 112/Forecast/Ka.Thu.Ka./Thili/Rural/2026 dated 05.03.2026 (served on 08.03.2026) passed by the first respondent in WP Crl.(MD)No.1556 of 2026 is hereby set aside and this Court permits the petitioners and the private parties in both the petitions, to collect money in Thalaikattu Vari from all the Varidharars and conduct the Panguni Uttaram celebration from 31.03.2026 to 03.04.2026, sharing the expenditure to be incurred towards the said festival, equally and the first and second respondents are directed to afford necessary police protection on payment of necessary charges in terms of GO.Ms.No.139, Home (Pol-VIII) Department, dated



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04.03.2019 during the said Panguni Uthiram celebration in the above temple.

5. Accordingly, these Writ Petitions are allowed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli Rural, Tirunelveli District.
3. The Inspector of Police, Devarkulam Police Station, Tirunelveli District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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