



W.P(MD)No.10036 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 09.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

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Hindu Dharma Parishad,
Rep. by K.K.Ramesh,
Managing Trustee,
31, CMR Road, Kamarajar Salai,
Madurai - 625 009,
Tamil Nadu.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Union of India,
Rep. by its Home Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.

2. The Director (Science),
Archaeological Survey of India,
Puratattva Bhawan, 6th Floor D-Block,
New Delhi-110023.

3. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by its Home Secretary,
Fort St.George, Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

4. The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by its Secretary,



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Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

5. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 34.

6. The Director General of Police,
Dr. Radhakrishna Salai,
Chennai.

7. The Archaeological Officer,
Department of Archaeology
Palace Road, Madurai HO,
Madurai-625001.

8. The District Collector,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

9. The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City,
Alagarkoil Road,
Madurai.

10. The Joint Commissioner/ Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple,
Thirupparankundram,
Madurai -625005.

... Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus,



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directing the respondents 1 and 2 to instruct the 3rd respondent to The Indian Constitution has been violated by denying Hindu devotees of Lord Murugan permission to light lamps and conduct worship top of the Thiruparankundram hill while, at the same time granting such permission to other religious in observance of the Ramadan festival take action on Government Officers who failed to perform their duties properly by initiating disciplinary action against authorized officers regarding the respondents 7 to 10 for violating the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India by considering the petitioner's representation dated 23.03.2026.

For Petitioner	: Mr.T.R.Subramanian
For R1, R2 & R7	: Mr.K.Govindarajan Deputy Solicitor General of India
For R3 to R5 & R8	: Mr.J.Ashok Additional Government Pleader
For R6 & R9	: Mr.J.Ravindran Additional Advocate General, assisted by Mr.K.Sanjay Gandhi Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
For R10	: Mr.V.Chandrasekar, Standing Counsel



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(Judgment of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The prayer in this writ petition is to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 2 to instruct the 3rd respondent that the Indian Constitution has been violated by denying Hindu devotees of Lord Murugan to light lamp and conduct worship at the top of the Thiruparankundram hill while such permission is granted to other religion in observance of the Ramjan festival and to take action on the Government Officers who failed to perform their duties properly by initiating disciplinary action against the respondents 7 to 10 for violating the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 23.03.2026.

2. On perusal of the affidavit, we are of the view that this type of writ petition is nothing but publicity oriented and with regard to the issue of lighting the lamp at the top of the Thirupparankundram hill, the Division Bench of this Court has already issued series of directions in WA(MD)No.3188 of 2025 etc batch, dated 06.01.2026. Therefore, the



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petitioner cannot once again file the present public interest litigation on the same cause of action which is nothing but publicity interest litigation.

3. At this juncture, learned Deputy Solicitor General appearing for the respondents 1, 2 and 7 would submit that the petitioner is in the habit of filing vexatious public interest litigations. He has also produced the order dated 02.02.2022 made in W.P(MD)No.1523 of 2022 which is also a public interest litigation filed by the very same petitioner. In the said writ petition, the Hon'ble First Bench by order dated 02.02.2022 imposed a cost of Rs.10,000/- on the petitioner and also restrained the petitioner from filing any public interest litigation for a period of two years after finding that the public interest litigations filed by the petitioner are only for the sake of publicity and otherwise without proper research.

4. Thus, while we dismiss this writ petition, we impose a cost of Rs.50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Thousand only] payable to the Legal Services Committee attached to this Bench, within a period of two weeks from today.



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5. Post on 24.04.2026 for reporting compliance.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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