



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.2012 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **30.04.2026**

CORAM:

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

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& W.M.P.Crl.(MD)No.506 of 2026

C.Durairaj Gounder

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Election Officer / District Collector,
Trichy District, Trichy.

2. The Returning Officer / Tahsildar,
Manapparai Taluk, Trichy District.

3. State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By The Inspector of Police,
Puthanatham Police Station,
Trichy District.

4. Chinna Gounder

5. Mookan @ Perumal Gounder

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 2nd respondent in his proceedings Moo.Mu.Aa5/5151/2022 dated 05.04.2026 and quash the same as illegal, consequently directing the respondents 2 and 3 to grant permission to the



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petitioner to conduct Panguni festival from 07.04.2026 to 15.04.2026 at Sri Mariamman Temple, Pannankombu, Pannappatti East Village, Manapparai Taluk, Trichy District.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Leninkumar

For Respondents : Mr.S.S.Manoj (R3)

Government Advocate (Crl.)

Mr.M.Muthumanikkam (R1 & R2)

Government Advocate (Civil)

Mr.A.N.Ramanathan (R4 & R5)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the 2nd respondent in the proceedings in Moo.Mu.Aa5/5151/2022 dated 05.04.2026 with a consequential direction to the respondents 2 and 3 to grant permission to the petitioner to conduct Panguni festival from 07.04.2026 to 15.04.2026 at Sri Mariamman Temple, Pannankombu, Pannappatti East Village, Manapparai Taluk, Trichy District.

2. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petition has become infructuous owing to the efflux of time.



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

4. In view of the fact that the matter has become infructuous, but considering that the temple festival has not yet been conducted, the petitioner is directed to submit a fresh representation on 08.05.2026, both in person and by registered post. On receipt of the same, the second respondent is directed to convene a peace committee meeting on 13.05.2026, after affording an opportunity of hearing to all the factions concerned, and thereafter facilitate the conduct of the temple festival. It is made clear that all devotees shall be permitted to pay the temple tax, that no person shall be prevented from participating in the temple festival, and that no individual shall claim any precedence or first honour.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes / No

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Note: Issue order copy on 04.05.2026.



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Trichy District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

Order made in
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Dated
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