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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **20.04.2026**

CORAM:

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

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Vijayakumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer / The Election Officer,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Naakudi Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to give permission to the petitioner to organize dance program on 01.05.2026 from 06.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m and Vallithirumana Drama on 03.05.2026 from 10.00 p.m to 04.00 a.m at Sri Pulikutti Ayyanara Temple by considering the petitioner's representation dated 08.04.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Jeyaram Sidharth

For Respondents : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam (R1)

Government Advocate (Civil)



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Mr.S.Ravi (R2 & R3)

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

Seeking to direct the respondent to give permission to the petitioner to organise dance programme on 01.05.2026 from 6.00 p.m to 11.00 p.m and Vallithirumana Drama on 03.05.2026 from 10.00 p.m to 04.00 a.m at Sri Pulikutti Ayyanara Temple by considering the petitioner's representation dated 08.04.2026, this writ petition is filed.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the rival parties are troubling the petitioner from conducting any kind of entertainment programme on the occasion of Sri Pulikutti Ayyanara Temple Festival and hence, he has made a representation dated 08.04.2026. Since the same is not considered by the respondents, the petitioner sought the indulgence of this Court.

3. The learned counsel for the rival party Mr.Shanmugasundaram categorically contended that he had already given a objection representation to the respondents to prevent the petitioner from conducting any kind of dance



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program during the Temple festival. However, he is amenable for conduct of any devotional program on the said occasion.

4. The learned Government Advocate(civil) submitted that the timing sought for by the petitioner cannot be considered at all.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that any devotional program could be permitted only between 7.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m.

6. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials available on reocrd.

7. In view of the rival submissions, rather conducting a dance program, the petitioner is permitted to organize a dance program with the children of the temple committee members exclusively for devotional songs on 01.05.2026 from 06.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m and Vallithirumana Drama on 03.05.2026 from 07.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m. The 2nd respondent police is directed to summon the petitioner group and Arumugam group and form a committee consisting of the members of all the groups and thereafter permit the petitioner as well as the rival parties to conduct the temple festival.



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8. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

20.04.2026

NCC : Yes / No

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Note: **Issue order copy on 29.04.2026.**



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



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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