



WP CRL.(MD). No.2348 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 24/04/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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D.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District, Tuticorin.

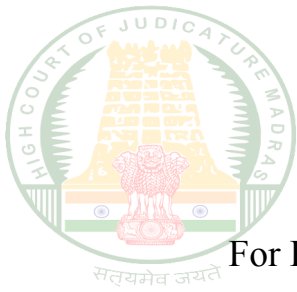
2. The Tahsildar/election Officer,
Ottapidaram Taluk, Thoothukudi District.

3. State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Ottapidaram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and provide adequate police protection for conducting the annual temple festival (Kodai Vizha) of Arulmighu Sri Kantharaiamman Temple at K.Shanugapuram, Ottapidaram Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held from 12.05.2026 to 15.05.2026, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.04.2026.



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For Petitioner : Mr. M.Pandian,
Advocate.

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar for R1 and R3
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

Mr.C.Satheesh for R2
Government Advocate (Civil Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant permission and provide adequate police protection for conducting the annual temple festival (Kodai Vizha) of Arulmighu Sri Kantharaiamman Temple at K.Shanugapuram, Ottapidaram Taluk, Thoothukudi District, scheduled to be held from 12.05.2026 to 15.05.2026, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.04.2026.

2. However, the learned Government Advocate submitted that they received the representation only on 20.04.2026, through post.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had already given a representation in person on 03.04.2026.



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4. Heard either sides and carefully perused the materials available on record.

5. The petitioner is directed to make a fresh representation to the third respondent police and on receipt of the same, the third respondent police is directed to verify as to the presence of any rival parties and in the absence of the same, grant necessary permission and protection for conduct of temple festival and if found the presence of rival parties, put the rival parties on notice and thereafter take necessary steps, facilitating the petitioner from conducting the temple festival. The said exercise should be concluded within **30.04.2026**.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is dispose of. No costs.

24.04.2026

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Index : yes / no

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2. The Tahsildar/election Officer,
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3. The Inspector of Police, Ottapidaram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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