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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 29/04/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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Manickam

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Trichy District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Thottiyam Police Station, Trichy
District..

3. The Election Officer,,
Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri
Constituent Assembly,
Trichy District.

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ or Order or Direction more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to grant permission and protection for distribution of Annadhanam and conducting Siruthondar Drama on 30-04-2026 and 01-05-2026 in the eve of Chithirai Pournami Festival in front of the Shri Mahamariyamman Temple, situated at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.04.2026.

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For Petitioner : Mr. M. Karthick,
Advocate

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

Mr.Arun Raj
(for impleaded party)

ORDER

This writ petition is filed seeking to issue Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to grant permission and protection for distribution of Annadhanam and conducting Siruthondar Drama on 30-04-2026 and 01-05-2026 in the eve of Chithirai Pournami Festival in front of the Shri Mahamariyamman Temple, situated at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.04.2026.

2. When the matter was taken up for admission today(29.04.2026), the learned Government Advocate, submitted that already a petition has been filed by one Sekar before this Court in W.P.Crl(MD)No.28 of 2026, in which this Court by order dated 07.01.2026 had permitted the said



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Sekar to conduct Annadhanam and Siruthondar Drama on 30.04.2026 and 01.05.2026 and had allowed the petition.

3. He also drew my attention to the order passed by this Court in W.P.Crl(MD)No.575 of 2026 which has been filed by one P.Shanmugam, seeking police protection for the Annathana Kodai Vizha function in Ammankudi village, on 29.04.2026 and 30.04.2026, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026, in which this Court by order dated 05.02.2026 had disposed of the petition, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.01.2026.

4. He also further pointed out that yet another petition in W.P. (MD)No. 13005 of 2026 has been filed before this Court seeking to conduct peace committee with regard to the conduct of Annathana Kodai Vizha function in Ammankudi village, where this Court had passed an order, directing the Superintendent of Police, Trichy District, to conduct a peace committee and the peace committee is likely to be convened today, (29.04.2026).



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

6. It is clear that the persons namely Sekar, Shanmugam and Manickam have approached before this Court by way of separate writ petitions. The crux of the dispute is all about conducting an Annadhanam relating to the temple festival Shri Mahamariyamman Temple, situated at Ammankudi Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District. All the three petitioners in the various writ petitions have sought for permission to conduct Annadhanam on 29-4-2026, 30-04-2026 and 01-05-2026. In view of the same, the respondent police may facilitate the said P.Shanmugam to conduct Annadhanam on 30-04-2026. One Sekar and Manickam are directed to conduct Annadhanam on 01-05-2026, together. As far as the conduct of Nadagam, it is submitted that it is a two-day programme, and hence all the petitioners are together directed to conduct the same on 30.04.2026 and 01.05.2026 from 7.00 pm to 10 p.m.



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7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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NCC : yes / no

Index : yes / no

Note : Issue order copy on **29.04.2026**

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3. The Election Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri Constituent Assembly, Trichy District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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