



W.P.Crl.(MD)No2858 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 27.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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S.Gobinath

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamilnadu rep by
The Superintendent of Police
Ramanathapuram District
Ramanathapuram.

2. The Inspector of Police
Thiruvadanai Taluk Police Station
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioners representation dated 08.05.2026 and consequently direct the respondents to grant police protection for conducting the yearly festival of Melpanaiyur Sri Jega Mariyamman Temple, Pookuli Utsav and Rama on 02.06.2026 at Melpanaiyur Village, R.S.Mangalam Taluk, Ramanathapuram District and pass such further other orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Muthusamy

For Respondents : Mr.S.Siva Subramanian
Counsel for State of TN (crl.side)



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ORDER

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The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to grant permission and police protection for conducting yearly festival of Melpanaiyur Sri Jega Mariyamman Temple Pookuli Utsav and Drama on 02.06.2026 at Melpanaiyur Village, R.S.Mangalam Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, based on the writ petitioner's representation dated 08.05.2026.

2. Mr.S.Siva Subramanian, learned Government Advocate (crl.side) takes notice for the respondents. By consent, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner would submit that the writ petitioner has submitted a representation, dated 08.05.2026, to the second respondent seeking permission to conduct yearly festival of Melpanaiyur Sri Jega Mariyamman Temple Pookuli Festival and Drama on 02.06.2026 and that since no order was passed, the writ petitioner has come before this Court for the above said relief.

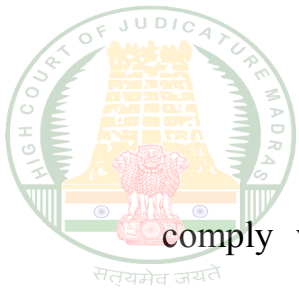


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4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents would submit that they may be permitted to conduct the yearly festival of Melpanaiyur Sri Jega Mariyamman Temple Pookuli Festival and Drama from 06.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. and the organizers may be directed to follow the conditions to be imposed.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner would submit that they will follow the directions to be imposed by the Court as well as the respondent police.

6. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Chennai had issued a circular memorandum in Rc.No. 007301/Genl.I(1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, along with instructions to the Inspectors of Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme. Therefore, the second respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 08.05.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law. In the event of permission being granted, the writ petitioner shall strictly adhere to the Circular issued by the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu / Head of Police Force, Chennai, in Rc.No.007301/Genl.I(1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, and



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comply with all other conditions imposed by the police authorities. The

respondent police shall also impose the following conditions in addition to any

other conditions that may be imposed by them;

(a) The programme shall be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner without causing any disturbance to public peace and tranquility or giving rise to any law and order problem;

(b) No obscene dance performance, vulgar dialogues or double meaning songs shall be played or performed during the programme;

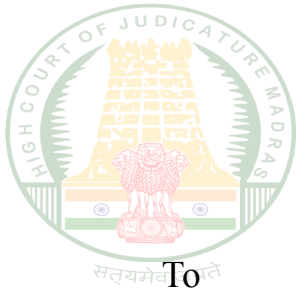
(c) The cultural programme shall be conducted strictly between 06.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m.;

(d) In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the respondent police or any officer duly authorised by them shall be at liberty to take appropriate action in accordance with law, including stopping the programme forthwith.

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

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2. The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvadanai Taluk Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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