

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.2880 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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Kalimuthu

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Sengipatti Police Station,
Nadukaveri, Thanjavur 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 respondents to permit the petitioner to conduct the cultural function viz., "Adal Padal and Karagattam" during the temple festival of "Arulmigu Selva Vinayagar, Arulmigu Ponniamman and Arulmigu Poogaliyamman, situated at Manaiyeripatti village, Puthalur Taluk, Thanjavur District on 01.06.2026 between 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm and Karagattam between 7.00 pm to 10.00 further direct the respondent to give adequate police protection for the above said programs.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Suresh Kannan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Sivasubramanian,
Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu (Crl. Side)



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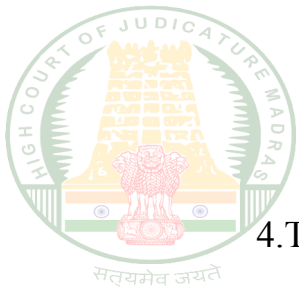
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ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission and police protection for conducting Adal Padal and Karagattam on 01.06.2026 in connection with temple festival of Arulmigu Selva Vinayagar, Arulmigu Ponniamman and Arulmigu Poogaliyamman, situated at Manaiyeripatti village, Puthalur Taluk, Thanjavur District, based on the writ petitioner's representation.

2.Mr.S.Sivasubramanian, learned Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu (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 to the second respondent seeking permission to conduct the festival and Aadal Paadal and Karagaatam programme on 01.06.2026 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 Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondents would submit that they may be permitted to conduct the Adal Padal programme on 01.06.2026 from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm 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 writ petitioner's representation 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 comply with all other conditions imposed by the police authorities. The respondent police



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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;

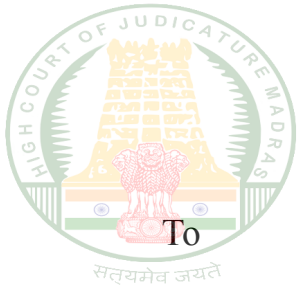
(c) The cultural programme shall be conducted strictly between 07.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.;

(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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- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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