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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

WP Crl.(MD) No. 6040 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011557442026}

AND

WPMP Crl.(MD) No. 1317 of 2026

F.Mariya Augustin
S/o, Francis Nadar,
Door No.3/40, North Street,
Sokkan kudiyerupu,
Santhankulam Taluk,
Thoothukudi District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
   Thoothukudi District,
   Thoothukudi

2. The Superintendent of Police,
   Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi

3. The Catholic Bishop,
   Thoothukudi Catholic Diocese,
   Cathedral Church Campus,
   Thoothukudi District,
   Thoothukudi.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents No.1 to 3 herein to take appropriate action based on petitioner’s representation dated 05.10.2026.

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For Petitioner(s) :M/s Joseph Zinoson J

For Respondent(s) : Mr.A.Sivasubramanian
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1

Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R2

ORDER

This writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to take appropriate action on the petitioner's representation dated 05.10.2026.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner and his family members have been prevented from participating in the worship at the Church. Hence, the petitioner has submitted a representation to the respondent authorities seeking appropriate relief. Since the said representation has not been considered, the petitioner has approached this Court.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the second respondent would submit that the Inspector of Police, Thattarmadam Police Station, Thoothukudi District, is the competent authority to consider the petitioner's representation.

4. In view of the above submission, without going into the merits of the matter, the Inspector of Police, Thattarmadam Police Station,

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Thoothukudi District, is directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.10.2026, confined to the petitioner's right to participate in worship at the Church, after issuing notice to the petitioner and the rival parties, and take appropriate action in accordance with law at the earliest.

5. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To
1. The District Collector
   Thoothukudi District
   Thoothukudi

2. The Superintendent of Police
   Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi

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

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