

**IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE - II,  
HARIPAD**

Present:-**Smt. Maneesha K.Bhadran, Judicial First Class Magistrate - II**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**C.M.P.No.1593/2025 in CC No.226/2022**

(In Haripad Police Station crime No.552/2021)

- Petitioner : Sri. Sreekumar Keecheril,  
S/o.Krishnapillai, Keecheril House,  
Thekkekkara Kizhakkum Muri,  
Pallippad P.O.,  
President, Manakkadu Devaswom Committee,  
**(By Adv.Sri. K. B. Gopalakrishna Pillai)**
- Respondents : 1. State represented by the Sub Inspector of  
Police, Haripad Police Station  
**(By Sri. Sivaprasad P. M., APP Grade-I,  
Haripad)**
2. Varun C. Nair, aged 37 years,  
S/o.Chandramohan Nair,  
Bharathi Kesavam, Thekkum Muri,  
Muttom P.O., Pallippad Village.
3. Dileep Kumar, S/o.Ramachandran Nair,  
Thara Bhavan, Thekkekkara Kizhakkum Muri,  
Pallippad P.O., Pallippad Village.
- Order : Petition is allowed.

This petition is coming on 16-02-2026 and the court on the same day passed the following:

**ORDER**

Petition filed by the petitioner to permit him to compound the case on behalf of Manakkadu Devi Temple as its Devaswom Committee President.

2. **The petition averments, in brief, are as follows:** Petitioner is the President of Manakkadu Devi Temple Devaswom Bharana Samithi, Pallippadu elected in 2022. The above Devi Temple and its governing body are governed by the bye-law of 1123 ME. Petitioner is also the 44<sup>th</sup> witness in the above case. As per the provisions of the bye-law of the Devaswom, the gold ornaments and valuables are to be in the custody of the President who is competent to institute and defend legal proceedings on behalf of Devaswom. According to the petitioner, he is competent and having the legal capacity to compound the case on behalf of the temple Devaswom. Hence the above petition to declare that he is competent to compound the case on behalf of Manakkadu Devi Temple Bharana Samithi.

3. Copies served to the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor-I, Haripad. He stiffly opposed the above petition. CW1 appeared in response to notice and submitted he has no objection in the above petition.

4. Heard both sides. Perused the records.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he is the custodian of the gold ornaments for and on behalf of deity and the person competent to institute and defend legal proceedings. A readable copy of the bye-law is also furnished. The contention of the petitioner is that the governing

body has decided to compound the matter and he is the competent person to represent the deity for the same. It is further submitted that the matter settled between parties in mediation. A copy of the extract of the minutes of the governing body meeting dated 15.09.2025 is also furnished.

6. Learned APP vehemently argued that petitioner is not competent to compound the case on behalf of the deity and CW1 is the competent person. A perusal of petition averments would show that petitioner is the present president and the minutes of the meeting dated 15.09.2025 would show that petitioner is directed to take all necessary steps to compound the matter.

7. A perusal of extract of the minutes and copy of the by-law would show that petitioner being the custodian of the gold ornaments of the deity is competent to compound the above case on behalf of the temple Devaswom. Accordingly I am satisfied that the above petition is liable to be allowed.

**In the result,** the petition is allowed.

*Dictated to the Confl. Asst., typed by her, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.*

Sd/-  
**JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE - II**