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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Poongodi
W/o.D.Naveen Kumar
D/o.Sakthivel
117/2, Sanjay Nagar,
Erode - 638 011.

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.State of Tamil Nadu
Additional Chief Secretary
to Government,
Department of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj
Secretariat, Fort St George,
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Director Rural Development and
Panchayat Raj
Panagal Maligai, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.
- 3.The District Collector, Erode
Erode District Collectorate
Erode - 638 011.



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- 4.The District Collector, Tiruppur
Tiruppur District Collectorate,
Tiruppur - 641 604.
- 5.The District Collector, Salem
Salem District Collectorate,
Salem - 636 001.
- 6.The District Collector, Namakkal
Namakkal District Collectorate,
Namakkal - 637 003.
- 7.The District Collector, Dindigul
Dindigul District Collectorate,
Dindigul - 624 004.
- 8.The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat)
Modakkurichi - 638 104.
- 9.The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat)
Chennimalai - 638 051.
- 10.The Block Development Officer
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Edappadi - 637 105.
- 11.The Block Development Officer
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Pallipalayam - 638 006.
- 12.The Block Development Officer
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Paramathi - 637 207.
- 13.The Block Development Officer
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Kundadam - 638 702.



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Moolanur - 638 106.

15.The Block Development Officer
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Kangeyam - 638 701.

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Vellakoil - 638 111.

17.The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat)
Chennimalai - 638 051.

18.The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat)
Palani - 624 601.

19.The Executive Officer
Arulmigu Dandayudhpani Swamy
Temple
Palani - 624 601

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to take necessary steps to ensure that basic amenities such as toilet facilities, medical facilities and garbage disposal facilities are provided to the devotees undertaking who participate in Paadayatra to the famous Arulmigu Dandayudhpani Swamy Temple at Palani, particularly from district such as Erode, Salem, Tiruppur, Namakkal and Dindigul, by considering the representation dated 12.12.2025 submitted by the petitioner.

For Petitioner:	Mr.N.S.Amogh Simha
For Respondents:	Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman Government Advocate for respondent Nos.1 to 18



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

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The grievance ventilated through this petition is to provide garbage disposal facilities to the pilgrims undertaking "paadayatra". Petitioner has already submitted a representation in this regard.

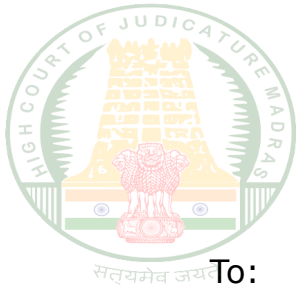
2. Learned State Counsel would submit that it is for the local authorities to provide such facilities and carry out necessary cleaning work.

3. Cleaning of garbage is a matter which is to be looked into by the local authorities. We hope and trust that proper cleaning work is undertaken by the local authority.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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