



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 17173 of 2026

A.Radhakrishnan
S/o. T.Arumuga Gounder,
38, Mettu Agraharam,
Salem636001.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government,
Public Department, Secretariat,
Chennai600009.
2. The Secretary to Government,
Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai600009.
3. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Ezhilagam, Chepaukkam, Chennai 600 005.
4. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, 119, Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai600034.
5. The District Executive Magistrate/Collector,
Salem Town 636 001.
6. The Commissioner of Police,
Linemedu, Salem 636006.
7. The Commissioner,
Salem City Municipal Corporation, Fort,
SalemTown636001.
8. The Deputy Director,
Fire and Rescues Department, Salem 636 007.



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9. The Superintending Engineer (Buildings),
Public Works Department, Kumarasampatty,
Salem 636007.
10. The Superintending Engineer,
Constructions and Maintenances Wing,
Jahirammappalayam,
Salem 636302.
11. The Chief Engineer,
TamilNadu Generation
and Distribution Corporation, 948,
E.V.N.Road, Erode 638009.
12. The Tahsildar,
Arasu Cable TV Corporation, Collectorate,
Salem Town 636001.
13. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, Nethimedu,
Salem 636002.
14. The Executive Engineer,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, Nethimedu,
Salem 636002.
15. The Fit person/Trustees,
Arulmigu Sugawaneshwarar Swamy Temple,
Salem Town 636 001
16. The Assistant Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Sugawaneshwarar Swamy Temple,
Salem Town 636 001.
17. The Fit Person/Trustees
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18. The Executive Officer,
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SalemTown 636001.

19. The Fit Person/Trustees,
Arulmigu Kottai Periya Mariamman Temple,
Salem Town 636 001

20. The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kottai Periya Mariamman Temple,
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..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the upcoming Car Festivals at 15th, 17th and 19th respondent temples by strictly adhering to the guidelines stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.413, dated 06.12.2012, and by considering the Petitioners representations dated 16.02.2026 and 24.04.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Radhakrishnan (Party – in - Person)

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthikeyan, GA (HR & CE)
Mr.V.Meghanathan, GA (Crl. Side) R6
Mr.M.Rajendiran, AGP RR1,3,5,8,9 & 10

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the upcoming Car Festivals at 15th, 17th and 19th respondent temples by strictly adhering to the guidelines stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.413, dated 06.12.2012, and by considering the Petitioners representations dated 16.02.2026 and 24.04.2026.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government



Advocate appearing for the HR and CE Department, on instructions, submitted that the car festival will be conducted as per G.O.Ms.No.13 dated 06.12.2012 issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department.

3. Recording the submission made by the learned Government Advocate that the car festival is conducted strictly in accordance with the said Government Order and the established custom and usage of the temple, without any deviation.

4. It is made clear that if there is any violation as per the above said G.O., the petitioner is at liberty to approach this Court for appropriate remedy. No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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