

W.P.(MD)No.10739 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 29.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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John Paulraj

.. Petitioner

- Vs. -

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1.The District Collector,
Sivagangai District, Sivagangai.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District, Sivagangai.

3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Devakottai Taluk,
Sivagangai District.

4.The Tahsildar,
Devakottai Taluk,
Sivagangai District.

5.The Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Taluk Police Station,
Sivagangai.

6.Chinnappan

7.Justin Thiraviyam

8.Arulsamy

9.Packiaraj

10.Pradeep

.. Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 5 to take appropriate action against the respondents 6 to 10 for excommunicating the petitioner and his family members from St. Sebastian Church, Ariyani Village and to permit the petitioner and petitioner's family members to participate during the Thirupali Church Festival which is scheduled to be held on every first week of May months in the upcoming years by considering the petitioner's representation dated 12.03.2025 and pass such further or other orders. [Prayer is amended vide order dated 22.04.2026 in WMP(MD)No.20665 of 2025]

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Marthandavarman

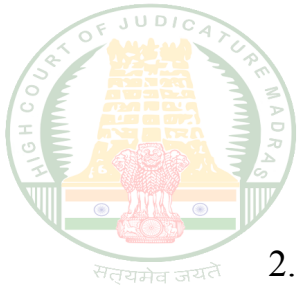
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thambidurai
Government Advocate for R1, R3, R4

Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl. side)
for R2 & R5

Mr.S.Vijayakumar for R6 to R10

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed for a mandamus to take action against the respondents 6 to 10 for excommunicating the petitioner and his family members from St. Sebastian Church, Ariyani Village and to permit the petitioner and the family members to participate during the Thirupali Church Festival.



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2. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents 6 to 10 would submit that there will be no discrimination and the petitioner and his family members shall participate in the church and also the Thirupali Church Festival.

3. Recording the same, the Writ Petition stands closed. No costs.

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NCC: Yes/No
To

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