

W.P(MD)No.10294 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated: 15.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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Vasantha Ramasamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

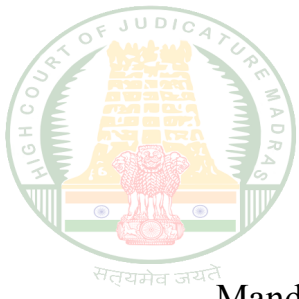
1. The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Rep by its Commissioner,
Nungampakkam,
Chennai.

2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable endowment Department,
Madurai.

3. The Deputy Commissioner / Executive Officer,
Sri Kallazhgar Temple,
Azhagar Kovil,
Madurai District.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, for a direction directing the respondents 1 to 3 to receive the Mandagapadi fees from the petitioner for the year 2026 for performing Mandagapadi during the arrival and return of Lord Kallagar during the auspicious Chithirai Festival on 30.04.2026, 01.05.2026, 04.05.2026 at Vasantha Ramasamy



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Mandapam Situated at Outpost, Tallakulam, Madurai District and pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner	:Mr.M.Mahaboob Fazil M/s.Roy and Roy Associates
For R1 and R2	:Mr.M.Sarangan Additional Government Pleader
For R3	:Mr.V.Chandra Sekar

ORDER

The writ petition is filed for a mandamus to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to receive the Mandagapadi fees from the petitioner for the year 2026 for performing Mandagapadi during the arrival and return of Lord Kallagar during the auspicious Chithirai Festival on 30.04.2026, 01.05.2026, 04.05.2026 at Vasantha Ramasamy Mandapam Situated at Outpost, Tallakulam, Madurai District.

2. Heard Mr.Vasantha Ramasamy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr.M.Sarangan, learned Additional Government Pleader, who takes notice on behalf of the respondents 1 and 2 and Mr.V.Chandrasekar, learned counsel who takes notice on behalf of 3rd respondent.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has a customary right to perform the said Mandagapadi. Though the petitioner is ready and willing to pay the Mandagapadi fees, the same is not being accepted by the respondents.

4. Per contra, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the 3rd respondent submits that it is true that the petitioner had been performing the Mandagapadi. However, it has now been ascertained that certain immovable properties were specifically endowed for the said purpose, and that the petitioner and her husband had sold those properties, which are endowments in themselves. Therefore, an enquiry has been proposed in this regard.

5. It is submitted that the enquiry is presently being conducted, and the next date of hearing is fixed on 20.04.2026. If the petitioner appears, the matter will be enquired into and appropriate orders will be passed in accordance with law.



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6. In reply, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner will participate in the said enquiry.

7. In view thereof, the writ petition is disposed of on the following terms:-

- i. The petitioner shall participate in the enquiry before the 3rd respondent on 20.04.2026 and file such explanation, reply, or documents, as the case may be. It is for the 3rd respondent to consider the issue in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders thereon as expeditiously as possible.
- ii. It is needless to state that the rights of the parties will be depending upon the order that will be passed by the 3rd respondent.
- iii. No costs.

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