



W.P(MD)No.10270 of 2026
and W.M.P(MD)No.8072 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10.04.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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and
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P.Muthukumar

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Director,
Information and Public Relation Department,
Chennai.

2.The District Collector cum Returning Officer,
Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi.

3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Kovilpatti Camp Office,
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

Prayer in W.P(MD)No.10270 of 2026: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to issue order of permission for operating the amusement items such as Mini Giant wheels, break dance wheels etc., from 08.04.2026 to 05.05.2026 at the ground situated behind the Arultharum Shenbagavali Ambal cum Arulmigu Bhoovanathara Swamy temple comes within the limit of Kovilpatti Municipality, Thoothukudi District based on the recommendation made by the second respondent in Na.Ka.No.53/Se.Ma.Tho.A/A3 dated



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02.04.2026 without insisting any approval from the election commission or any other authority.

Prayer in WMP(MD)No.8072 of 2026: To issue an Interim Direction directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to operate amusement items such as Giant Wheel, Columbus, Dragon Train etc., during Panguni Uthiram and Chithirai Thiruvizha at the ground situated behind the Arultharum Shenbagavali Ambal cum Arulmigu Bhoovanathara Swamy temple comes within the limit of Kovilpatti Municipality, Thoothukudi District from 08.04.2026 to 05.05.2026 based on the recommendation of the second respondent through proceedings dated 02.04.2026 till the disposal of the said recommendation by the first respondent.

For Petitioner	:Mr.S.Chella Pandian
For R1 to R3	:Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam Government Advocate
For R4	:Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

Mr. N. Ramesh Arumugam, learned Government Advocate, who accepts notice for respondents 1 to 3, and Mr. M. Vaikkam Karunanithi, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), who accepts notice for the fourth respondent, seek time.



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WEB COPY 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has produced copies of the permissions granted by the Superintendent of Police and the Commissioner, Kovilpatti, for conducting the exhibition and operating amusement rides such as mini giant wheels, break dance wheels, etc. He further submitted that the exhibition is not connected with any political activity and, therefore, the Model Code of Conduct would have no application. It was also submitted that a sum of Rs.72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs only) has been deposited with the temple authorities for conducting the amusement rides.

3. In the meanwhile, and till the next date of hearing, the petitioner is permitted to conduct the exhibition and operate the amusement rides in the land belonging to Arultharum Shenbagavali Ambal cum Arulmigu Bhoovanathara Swamy Temple, Kovilpatti.

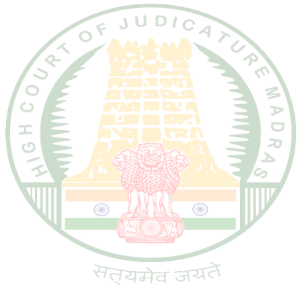
4. List the matter on 15.04.2026.

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