

W.P.(MD)No.10270 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 15.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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

P.Muthukumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Director,
Information and Public Relation Department,
Chennai.
- 2.The District Election Officer / The District Collector,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
- 3.The Public Relation Officer,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
- 4.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Kovilpatti Camp Office,
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a 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.

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No.53/Se.Ma.Tho.A/A3 dated 02.04.2026 without insisting any approval from the election commission.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Chella Pandian
For R1 to R3 : Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam
Government Advocate
For R4 : Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

Considering the submission made on behalf of the respondents, the Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001, is *suo motu* impleaded as the fifth respondent in the writ petition.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to serve the papers on the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Election Commission of India.

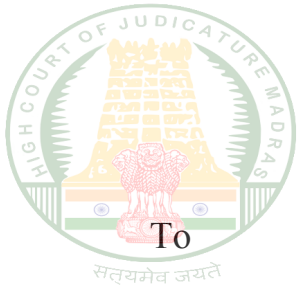
3. The Registry is directed to carry out the necessary amendment in the cause title and list this matter on **24.04.2026**.

4. In the meanwhile, the interim order already granted by this Court on 10.04.2026 shall continue.

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