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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 04.08.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **C.V. KARTHIKEYAN**
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **R.SAKTHIVEL**

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N.Manikandan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Commissioner,
Madurai Municipal Corporation,
Aringar Anna Maligai,
Madurai - 625 002.

2.The Superintending Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madurai - 625 002.

3.Ayubkhan

4.Walkers Club,
Represented By Its Secretary,
P.Ponrajan,
80 Feet Road, K.K.Nagar,
Walkers Club Office,
Vandiyur Lake Park,
Madurai - 625 020.

5.At.Thiagarajan

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent No.1 to close all the food stalls functioning in the Vandiyur Park, K.K. Nagar, Madurai District and to restrain the visitors from bringing plastic materials into the park and for consequential direction restraining the 1st respondent from installing any amusement structures such as giant wheel, etc., inside the park, and from collecting entry fee from the visitors.

For Petitioner	:Mr.C.Arulvadivel @ Sekar Senior Counsel for Mr.S.Bharathi
For R1	:Mr.S.Vinayak
For R2	:Mr.T.Thirumurugan Special Government Pleader
For R3	:Mr.J.William Christopher
For R4	:Mr.S.Vanchinathan
For R5	:Mr.A.Karunanithi *****

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **C.V. KARTHIKEYAN, J.**)

The direction in the order, dated 17.04.2026 in Clause(iv) of paragraph 12 is removed, namely, that the walking should be restricted only between 06.00 am and 10.00 pm and again from 03.00 pm to 08.00 pm. The park shall be remain open from 06.00 am to 08.00 pm



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2.We are informed that outside just abutting the compound wall of the park, on the pavement, there are a few food stalls, which are being installed on temporary basis opening towards the wall of the park and anybody inside the park can extend their arm out to purchase eatables. Naturally, when they purchase eatables, they will walk with the eatables inside the park and throw the packets in which the eatables have been sold inside the park. This would only cause further hygiene problem and accumulation of unnecessary unwanted packages, which most probably would be plastic.

3.The Commissioner, Madurai Municipal Corporation, is, therefore, directed to remove the stalls on the pavement abutting the walls of the park and report before this Court. Even otherwise, the Commissioner has a duty to ensure that temporary food stalls obstructing normal pedestrian movement in the pavement are removed, so that the pedestrians could walk unhindered. If the stalls are there, the pedestrians will have to get into the main road, which would be a source of danger,



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as the oncoming vehicles would not expect a pedestrian to suddenly come out of the pavement into the road. Before any untoward incident happens, it is only prudent that the Commissioner, Madurai Municipal Corporation removes all these stalls also.

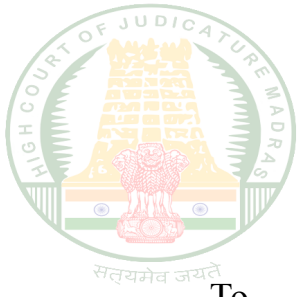
4.With respect to the further clause No.(iii) relating to restraint imposed on collection of fee or money from visitors to the park, the Commissioner, Madurai Municipal Corporation may present before this Court the rates which they proposed to levy on walkers or on any other individuals, who enter the park.

5.List the matter once again on 13.08.2026.

[C.V.K, J.] [R.S.V, J.]
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