

WP(MD) NO. 1941



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10-07-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

WP(MD) NO. 19419 of 2026

Veerasuntharalingam

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
District Collector Office
Virudhunagar District.

2. The Tahsildar
Taluk Office
Rajapalayam Taluk
Virudhunagar District.

3. The Executive Officer
Arulmiku
Nachadai Thavirtharulia Swami Temple
Hindu Religious and Endowment Charitable Dept.
Thevadanam
Rajapalayam Taluk
Virudhunagar District.

4. The Inspector of Police
Seithur Police Station
Seithur, Virudhunagar District.

Respondents

For Petitioner(s):

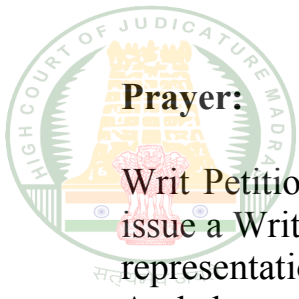
Mr.P.Ponraj

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Venkatesh
Counsel for State of TN for R1 and R2

Mr.P.Vetrivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R4

Mr.P.Mahendran for R3



Prayer:

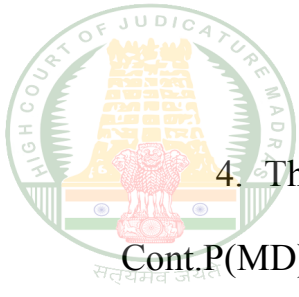
Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of MANDAMUS directing Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to consider the petitioners representations dated 02.06.2026 and 29.06.2026, and consequently to appoint an Archakar (Temple Priest) to Vathalakundu Mariamman Temple, situated at Sundararajapuram Village, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District, through the competent authorities, so as to ensure the peaceful conduct of worship by the devotees in the said temple without any discrimination, within such time as may be stipulated by this Court.

ORDER

It appears that, in respect of the very same temple, there is a civil suit pending at the behest of one Muthuraj and others, wherein an interim order has been passed in I.A.No.4 of 2025 and I.A.No.10 of 2026 in O.S.No.60 of 2025 by the District Munsif Court at Rajapalayam, dated 23.06.2026. Earlier, this Court, presided over by the Hon'ble Justice Mrs.S.Srimathy, passed an order on 19.02.2026 at the behest of one Muthuswami in W.P.Crl.(MD) No.935 of 2026 and a contempt petition has been filed in Cont.P.(MD) No. 1354 of 2026 for violation of the aforesaid order and the same is to be listed for further hearing on 13.07.2026.

2. It is informed by the learned counsel for the third respondent that the subject temple is not governed by the provisions of the HR & CE Act.

3. Considering the fact that the said temple has been directed to be opened and there are rival claims between two parties, the request of the petitioner can be directed to be decided by the Hon'ble Justice Mrs.S.Srimathy, who has seized of the aforesaid contempt petition for violation of the order dated 19.02.2026 in W.P.Crl.(MD) No.935 of 2026. It appears that the petitioner has also been directed to appear before the Court on 13.07.2026.



4. Therefore, I direct the Registry to place this Writ Petition along with the Cont.P(MD) No.1354 of 2026 before the concerned Court presided over by the Hon'ble Justice Mrs.S.Srimathy on 13.07.2026.

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