

W.P(MD)No.19419 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Veerasuntharalingam

... Petitioner

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

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to consider the petitioner's 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



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worship by the devotees in the said temple without any discrimination, within such time as may be stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ponraj

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.I.Pinaygash
Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu

For R-4 : Mr.I.Murugesan
Government Advocate (criminal side)

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to consider the petitioner's 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.

2. Pursuant to the earlier order passed by this Court, the respondents have opened the temple for public worship. The only issue that now remains is with regard to the appointment of the Poosari.

3. The learned Government Advocate submitted that the issue relating to



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the appointment of Poosari is already pending in O.S. No.60 of 2025 on the file of District Munsif Court, Rajapalayam. Therefore, the parties are at liberty to file an interlocutory application before the said Court seeking the appointment of a Poosari on a temporary basis until the disposal of the suit.

4. In view of the above, Veerasuntharalingam, the petitioner herein, as well as any other interested person, is at liberty to submit an application to the second respondent / Tahsildar seeking temporary appointment as Poosari until the disposal of the interlocutory application and the suit pending before the District Munsif Court, Rajapalayam. Upon receipt of such application, the second respondent / Tahsildar shall consider the same and appoint one suitable person as Poosari. The appointment of the Poosari is purely temporary. It is made clear that no person appointed pursuant to this order shall claim any right or equity over the post of Poosari.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

NCC : Yes / No

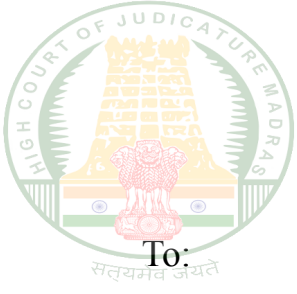
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