

W.P.(MD) No.31898 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 28.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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A.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukkottai District, Pudukkottai.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Alangudi,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.
- 4.The Village Administrative Officer,
Keeramangalam North Village,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.
- 5.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Alangudi,
Pudukkottai District.
- 6.The Inspector of Police,
Keeramangalam Police Station,
Keeramangalam,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.



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7.Valapadi Chelladurai

... Respondents

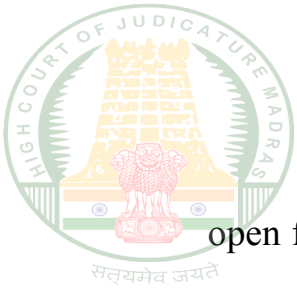
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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos.1 to 4 herein to take appropriate action to keep open the Temple, namely, Arulmigu Sri Pattavaya Kombukara Swamy, situated at Keeramangalam North Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District, for conducting regular poojas and worshipping of all the villagers after removing the unlawful Inscription (Kalvettu) name board put by the seventh respondent Thanan Karai representative alone, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.10.2025.

For Petitioner	: Mr.A.Saravanan
For R-1 to R-4	: Mr.C.Satheesh, Government Advocate
For R-5 and R-6	: Mr.A.Albert James, Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
For R-7	: No Appearance

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent Nos.1 to 4 to take appropriate action to keep the Temple, namely Arulmigu Sri Pattavaya Kombukara Swamy Temple, situated at Keeramangalam North Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District,



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open for conducting regular poojas and for worship by all villagers, after removing the unlawful inscription (Kalvettu) name board put up exclusively by the seventh respondent, who is the representative of Thanan Karai, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.10.2025.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the subject Temple has been kept closed due to disputes among the four Karai groups in the village with regard to the administration of the Temple. He would further submit that owing to ego clashes among the four Karai people, the seventh respondent, who is the representative of Thanan Karai, has unlawfully installed an inscription (Kalvettu) name board in the Temple. In this regard, the petitioner made a representation to the official respondents on 09.10.2025. However, no action has been taken till date. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 4 would submit that the issues arise out of disputes among the four Karai groups regarding the administration of the Temple.



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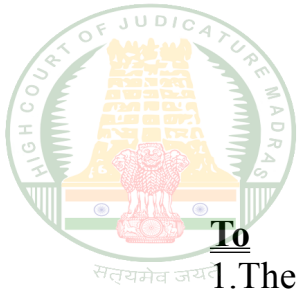
4. In such circumstances, in order to resolve the issue, it is made clear that if the disputes among the four groups are sorted out, the Temple shall remain open. It is further clarified that apart from the members of the four Karai groups, any other villagers are also entitled to worship in the Temple without any hindrance. Therefore, putting up the names of all the four Karai groups in the Temple, after ensuring the four Karai are in existence as on date, including the petitioner herein, respondent Nos.1 to 4 are directed to do the same. The entire process shall be completed within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Once if the extent of four Karai groups is ensured, the respondents are directed to open the temple for doing poojas and other rituals.

5. Registry is directed to post the matter “For Reporting Compliance” on **16.02.2026**.

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