

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 5143/2026

Krishna Goswami D/o Mohan Bharati, Aged About 49 Years,
Presently Working As Temple Priest, Of Shitala Mata Mandir,
Situating At Sire Mandir Road, Jalore City, District Jalore,
Rajasthan.

----Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through The District Collector,
Jalore, Rajasthan.
2. The Superintendent Of Police, Jalore, Rajasthan.
3. Municipal Board, Jalore, Rajasthan Through Its
Commissioner
4. Divyansh S/o Late Shri Mahendra Bharati, Is Being Minor
Having The Age Of 14 Years, R/o Ganchiyo Ki Pilani,
Jalore, Rajasthan Through Its Natural Guardian Mother
Smt. Madhukanta Goswami W/o Late Shri Mahendra
Bharati Goswami, R/o Ganchiyo Ki Pilani, Jalore,
Rajasthan.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Girish Kumar Sankhla
For Respondent(s)	:	-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR

Order

09/03/2026

1. By way of filing the present civil writ petition, the petitioner
has prayed for the following reliefs:-

*"It is, therefore, most humbly and respectfully prayed
that this writ petition may kindly be allowed and by an
appropriate writ, order or direction:*

*(i) That, respondent authorities may kindly be directed to
allow the petitioner as being temple priest of Shitala Mata
Temple situated at Sire mandir Road, Jalore.*

*(ii) That the writ, order or direction may be issued to the
respondents for providing the protection to the petitioner so
that she can perform the duties as temple priest.*

(iii) That the respondent authority may kindly be directed to restrain the respondent no.4-Divyansh for not making any interference in the religious affairs and worship of Shitala Mata by the present petitioner.

(iv) That respondents authorities may kindly be directed for taking the appropriate legal action against the respondent no.4.

(v) Any other appropriate writ, order or direction which this Hon'ble Court deems just and proper may kindly be passed in favor of the petitioners."

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been performing the duties of a priest at Shitla Mata Temple situated at Jalore for the last 15 years. He submitted that one Divyansh had filed a civil suit before the learned Civil Judge, Jalore seeking the right to perform seva pooja at the said temple. The said civil suit filed by Divyansh came to be dismissed by the competent Civil Court vide order dated 09.02.2026. Prior thereto, the application seeking interim injunction was also rejected by the said Court vide order dated 19.03.2025.

3. Learned counsel submitted that despite the fact that the petitioner has been performing seva pooja at the Shitla Mata Temple for the last 15 years and that both the application seeking interim relief as well as the civil suit itself have been rejected by the competent Court, respondent No.4 and his family members are not allowing the petitioner to perform the duties of a priest in the said temple and are creating hindrances for the petitioner in performing seva pooja.

4. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, being aggrieved by the illegal activities of respondent No.4 and his family members, has submitted numerous representations before the competent authority, i.e., the District Collector, Jalore. However, no action whatsoever has been taken by the said authority, and there is an apprehension that the law and order

situation in the city of Jalore, particularly during the ensuing Shitla Mata Mela, may be disturbed.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court deems it just and proper to direct the petitioner to appear before the District Collector, Jalore today at 04:00 P.M. along with a representation ventilating her grievances. In case the petitioner appears before the District Collector, Jalore along with the representation at the aforesaid time, it is expected that the District Collector, Jalore shall look into her grievances and pass necessary orders so as to ensure that the law and order situation in District Jalore is maintained and that the seva pooja at Shitla Mata Temple is performed smoothly.

6. With the above directions, the present writ petition as well as the stay application stand disposed of.

(KULDEEP MATHUR),J