

WP CrI.(MD) NO. 2754 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 02-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

W.P.CrI.(MD) NO. 2754 of 2025 and

W.M.P.(CrI)(MD)No.655 of 2025

M.Manickamoorthy

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Tahsildar /Executive Magistrate,
Melur Taluk, Melur,
Madurai District.

3. The Commissioner of Police
Madurai City Police
Madurai 625002.

4. The Inspector of Police
Thirupparankundram Temple Police Station
Thirupparankundram
Madurai District.

5. Y.Ozeer Khan
Managing trustee
Hazrat Sulthan Sikkanthar Bhadhusa Dargha
Thirupparankundram
Madurai District.



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6. The Devasthanam Board

Rep by its President Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy Temple
Thirupparankundram
Madurai District.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Niranjan S.Kumar
for Mr.H.Velavadhias

For Respondent(s): Mr. R.Baskaran
Additional Advocate General
Assisted By Mr.M.Muthumanikam
Government Advocate for R1 and R2

Mr.Veera Kathiravan
Additional Advocate General
Assisted By Mr.S.Ravi
Additional Public Prosecutor for R3 and R4

Mr.S.Vanchinathan for R5

Mr. Chandrasekara for R6

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to prohibit the 5th respondent herein from performing Kandhoori on the Thiruparankundram Hill as per the petitioner's representation, dated 18.12.2025.

ORDER

This petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to prohibit the 5th respondent herein from performing Kandhoori on the Thiruparankundram hill as per the petitioner's representation, dated 18.12.2025. The petitioner has sought interim injunction restraining the 5th



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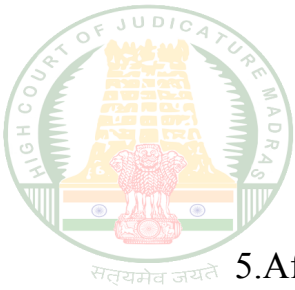
respondent from conducting Kandhoori.

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2. Mr.Veera Kathiravan, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for respondents 3 and 4 submitted that the issue was already considered by the Hon'ble Division Bench and therefore, the present petition is not maintainable.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the 5th respondent submitted that he has taken notice today only and the papers are yet to be received. He further submitted that the issue has already been settled. Hence, the principles of res judicata would be attracted.

4. Mr.R.Baskaran, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for respondents 1 and 2 submitted that the present festival is only for Santhanakoodu Urus, hence, permission would be granted only for Santhanakoodu festival which is scheduled on 06.01.2026. He further submitted that the permission was granted for the year 2023 and the same would be followed this year also. Furthermore submitted, apart from the above, the permission will not be granted for Kandhoori Mahautsav and the order passed by the Hon'ble Justice Vijayakumar, the Third Judge would be strictly followed. The animal sacrifice, carrying animal meat, cooking of non-vegetarian and carrying any non-vegetarian food would not be permitted.



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5. After hearing the rival submissions of the parties, this Court is passing the following interim orders:

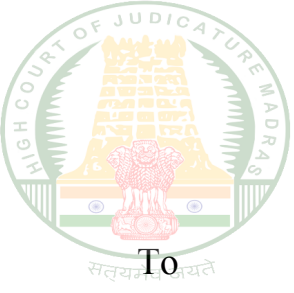
- i) The 5th respondent is strictly directed to conduct the Urus festival alone.
- ii) The number of participants in the festival shall be restricted to fifty only.
- iii) The 5th respondent is restrained from carrying animal sacrifice and also restrained to carrying animal meat, cook non-vegetarian food and carrying any non-vegetarian food. The above direction shall be enforced from the basement of the hill until the top of the hill. The official respondents shall strictly enforce the above directions
- iv) The judgments passed by the Hon'ble Full Bench and the judgments rendered in several suits shall be strictly followed.
- v) The police are strictly directed to maintain law and order.

6. Post the case on 20.01.2026 for filing counter affidavit.

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Note: Issue order copy on 02.01.2026.



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5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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