

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.02.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.KIRUBAKARAN

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR

W.P.(MD) No.3258 of 2019

S.Bijulal

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The District Collector,
Kanyakumari District.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,
Kanyakumari District Temples
Head Office : Suchindram
Kanyakumari District.
- 3.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments, Tirunelveli.
- 4.The Superintendent,
Kuzhithurai Devasam Constituency,
District Temple Administration,
Kanyakumari District.
- 5.The Superintendent,
Padmanabhapuram Devasam Constituency
Kanyakumari District Temples Administration
Padmanabhapuram, Thukalay,
Kanyakumari District.
- 6.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Munsirai Thirumalai Thevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.

- 7.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thikkurichi Mahadevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 8.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thirparappu Veerabhadhra Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 9.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thirunadikkarai Nandeeshwara Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 10.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Ponmanai Theepilankudiswara Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 11.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Pandripagam Kradamoorthy Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 12.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Kalkulam Nainar Neelakanda Swamy Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 13.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Melankodu Kaalakaala Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 14.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thiruvidaikodu Sadayappa Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.

- 15.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thiruvindhankodu Paridhipani Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 16.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thirupandriyodu Bakthavachaleswar Mahathevar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District.
- 17.Srikariyam-The Manager,
Thirunattalam Sankara Narayanar Temple,
Kalkulam Taluk, Vilavankodu,
Kanyakumari District. ... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to make arrangement for providing amenities of water, toilet, bathroom, rest room etc., to the devotees visiting the Respondent 6 to 17 temples in view of Mahashivaratri scheduled to be held on 03.03.2019 by considering petitioner's representation dated 06.02.2019 within the period as stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Haja Mohideen

For Respondents : Mr.A.K.Baskarapandian, Spl.G.P.

For R1
Mr.K.Sathya Singh, for RR2 to 17

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ORDER
[Order of the Court was made by N.KIRUBAKARAN, J.]

The petitioner has come before this Court for a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to make arrangement for providing amenities of

water, toilet, bathroom, rest room etc., to the devotees visiting the respondent 6 to 17 temples in view of Mahasivaratri scheduled to be held on 03.03.2019 by considering his representation dated 06.02.2019.

2.Initially, the temples were under the control of Thiruvithankodu Devasam Board and now, the same are maintained by H.R. & C.E. Board, Tamil Nadu. During the Maha Sivaratri festival, the pilgrims will undertake a run, which is called as "Shivayala Ottam" covering all the temples and there should be a large number of pilgrims and therefore, the petitioner seeks basic amenities to the devotees as stated above. In this regard, the petitioner has given a representation on 06.02.2019. Since no steps have been taken, the petitioner has come before this Court.

3.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for R1 and the learned standing counsel appearing for RR2 to 17.

4.The learned counsel appearing for the respondents 2 to 17 produced a communication dated 13.02.2019 written by the Joint Commissioner, informing that the District Collector had already convened a meeting with all the stakeholders involved in the conduct of the festival and a decision has

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been taken that the required facilities would be given as has been given in the last years.

5. Since sufficient steps have been taken and the decision has been taken by the District Collector himself and all the stakeholders were informed to provide basic amenities, the grievance of the petitioner has been addressed. Therefore, this writ petition is closed. No costs.

[N.K.K.,J.]

[S.S.S.R.,J.]

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To

The District Collector,
Kanyakumari District.

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and
S.S.SUNDAR, J.

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