



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 10602 of 2026

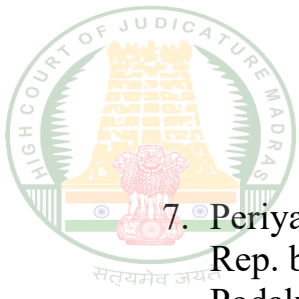
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A.W.Ghazzali
S/o.Abdul Rahman Wahib
No.805, Ahamathiya Street
Podakkudi, Kuthanallur Taluk
Thiruvarur 614103.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Executive Officer
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board
No.1, Jaffer Syrang street
Vallal Seethakath Nagar
Chennai 600001.
2. The District Collector
District Collector office
Thiruvarur District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Mannarguid, Thiruvarur District.
4. The Superintendent Of Waqf
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board
Thiruvarur District.
5. The Voor Uravinmurai Nirvahasabai Arapani
Sangam
Rep. by its Secretary M.M.Rabiyudeen
Podakkudi, Kunthanallur Taluk
Thiruvarur 614103.
6. Mela Pallivasal
Rep. by its President A.M. Liaqat Ali
Podakkudi, Kunthanallur Taluk
Thiruvarur 614103.



7. Periya Pallivasal
Rep. by its President P.M.Shajhan
Podakkudi, Kunthanallur Taluk
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..Respondent(s)

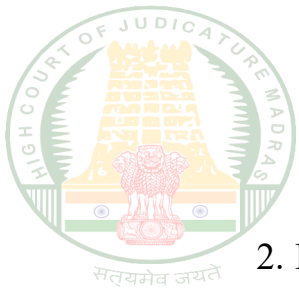
Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents 2nd and 4th respondents to consider the petitioners representation dated 02.02.2026 respectively and to provide necessary protection to the petitioner to continue his religious service of serving food during the 27th night of Ramzan on 16.03.2026 and to ensure that respondents 5 to 7 do not interfere with the peaceful conduct of prayers and religious activities by the Muslim residents of the locality 16.03.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Raja Mohamed

For Respondent(s): Ms.V.Yamunadevi, SGP for R2 & R3
Mr.Abdul Mubeen for R1 & R4

ORDER

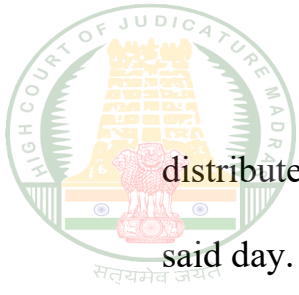
This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 2 and 4 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 02.02.2026 respectively and to provide necessary protection to the petitioner to continue his religious service of serving food during the 27th night of Ramzan on 16.03.2026 and to ensure that respondents 5 to 7 not to interfere with the peaceful conduct of prayers and religious activities by the Muslim residents of the locality 16.03.2026.



2. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side. With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up hearing today at the admission stage itself. Since no adverse order is to be passed as against the respondents 5 to 7 herein, notice to them is dispensed with.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a resident of Podakkudi Village, Kuthanallur Taluk, Tiruvarur District, where a large number of Muslim families have been residing peacefully for several decades and have been regularly following their religious practices including fasting and prayers during the holy months of Ramzan and Bakrid. He further submitted that for several decades, the petitioner and his family use to seve food to the muslim community offering prayers in the respondents 6 & 7 Pallivasal during the Ramzan fasting period i.e., on the 27th night, however this year, the respondents 6 and 7 are unnecessarily interfering the petitioner from doing the said service and hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. Per contra, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 and 4 would submit that the fifth respondent herein is the Administrator of the respondents 6 & 7 Pallivasal and if the petitioner wants to render the said service, he shall provide the food in the form of packets along with his name labelled on it and hand over the same to the fifth respondent, who in turn will



distribute the same to the worshippers of the respondents 6 & 7 Pallivasal on the said day.

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5. Considering the submissions made by the respective learned counsels, this Court directs the petitioner to provide his service in the form of food packets and hand over the same to the fifth respondent and the fifth respondent will independently distribute the food packets provided by the petitioner herein to the worshippers and members of the respondents 6 & 7 Pallivasal on the 27th night of Ramzan. It is also made clear that if the petitioner as well as the respondents 6 & 7 create any law and order problem, then the second respondent is directed to take appropriate steps against the law breakers.

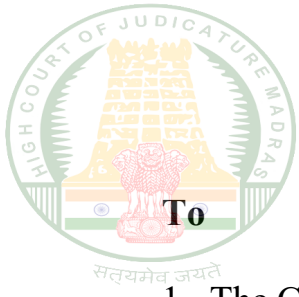
6. With the above directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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Note: Issue order copy on 16.03.2026



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