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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11.09.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,

CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WP No.36912 of 2026

Dr. R.Karpagam
80/44, Ansari Street, Ramnagar,
Coimbatore - 641009. Petitioner

Vs

1. Union of India
Represented by the Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110003.

2.State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Chief Secretary, Secretariat,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600009.

3.The Chairperson,
Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan,
East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 110032.

4.Chairperson,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control board (TNPCB), 76,
Mount Salai Guindy, Chennai - 600032.

5.Principal Secretary to Government (FAC),
Public (Law and order-B) Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 600009.

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6.Director General of Police (DGP)
DR.Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore,
Chennai - 600004.

7.Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and amp,
Forests Department, Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600009.

8.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home, prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George, Chennai - 600009. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 8 to forthwith take all necessary, effective and time-bound measures for strict and uniform implementation and enforcement throughout the state of tamilnadu of G.O.Ms.No.598, public (law and order-B) Department dated 09.08.2018, the revised guidelines for Idol immersion issued by the central pollution control board dated 12.05.2020, the directions issued by the Honble National Green Tribunal in O.A.No.135 of 2023 (SZ) dated 24.01.2024 and all other applicable statutory and judicial safeguards governing the installation, use, procession and immersion of vinayagar idols and consequently direct the respondents 1-8 to frame the mandatory committees mandated under the above guidelines and directions and to conduct effective inspection, monitoring, registration, permission and enforcement mechanisms in compliance with the above guidelines and directions within a strict time frame before 14.09.2026.

For Petitioner Mr. Athiban Vijay .AK

For Respondents Mr.A.Kumaraguru
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Mr.M.Guruprasad
State Govt Pleader for RR 2,7,8

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Standing counsel for R4

Mr.Arun Anbumani
Addl Public Prosecutor for R6

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(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks to withdraw the writ petition with liberty to avail appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

2. In view of the same, the writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn, with the aforesaid liberty. There will be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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