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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Rangarjan Narasimhan
Plot No.3, 1floor, Alarmel Avenue, Bhattar Thoppu,
Srirangam, Trichy 620 006. Petitioner

Vs

1. Mrs. Jaya
The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments
Department, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034. 2nd respondent
in WP No.37619 of 2025

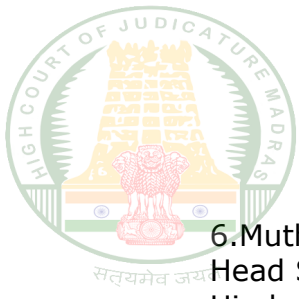
2.Mrs.Mala,
Executive Officer, Sri Kottai Periyamariamman
Temple, Salem

3.Kavitha,
Additional Commissioner (Thiruppani)
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department
Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam,
Chennai 39

4.Anbu,
Assistant Commissioner of Police, Salem

5.Kumaresan,
Inspector of Police, Salem Police Station

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6.Muthiah Sthapathi
Head Sthapathi
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam,
Chennai 39

Proposed respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act to punish the 1st respondent for wilful disobedience of the order dated 30.11.2015 and the clarification dated 05.07.2016 made in WP No.574 of 2015 and the order dated 30.11.2015 in WP No.37619 of 2015 in the above listed temples, initiate a CBI inquiry.

For Petitioner

No Appearance

For Contemnors

Mr. P.V.Balasubramaniam
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Mr. V.Chandra Prabhu
Government Advocate (HR & CE)

ORDER

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

When the contempt petition was taken for hearing, the petitioner in-person was not present.

2. This contempt petition is filed to punish the respondents for their wilful disobedience of the order passed by this Court in 30.11.2025 in WP No.37619 of 2015 and the clarification dated 05.07.2016 in WP No.574 of 2015.



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3. In the affidavit, the petitioner has alleged that the renovation of works in Kottai Sri Periya Mariamman temple were undertaken without following the directions of this Court and therefore, the respondents have committed contempt.

4. Learned Additional Advocate-General appearing for the respondents, by pointing out the status report filed by the Executive Officer of the temple, submitted that directions issued by this Court have been duly followed, and after obtaining expert opinion from the State Level Expert Committee, constituted as per the directions of the Division Bench, renovation works were carried on strictly in adherence to the directions issued by this Court. After the completion of entire work, *Kumbabishegam* (consecration ceremony) was held on 27.10.2023. Learned Additional Advocate-General submitted that the entire work and *Kumbabishegam* of the temple was performed duly in accordance with the directions of this Court and therefore, there is no disobedience of the order of this Court.



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5. From the records, we find that already the entire work has been completed in accordance with the directions of this Court and *Kumbabishegam* was also conducted as early as in the year 2023. We see no disobedience of the order passed by this Court. This contempt petition stands closed.

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