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WP No. 9066 of 2023



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 04-03-2026**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI**

**WP No. 9066 of 2023 and WMP.No.9195 of 2023**

1. Santhosam
2. Neelamegam
3. Chinnusamy
4. Sankaran
5. Selvam

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner  
Hindu Religious and Charitable  
Endowment administration Department,  
Chennai.

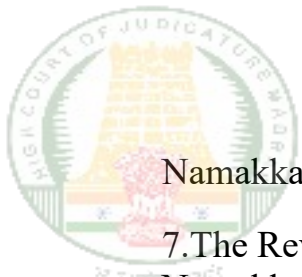
2. The Joint Commissioner  
Hindu Religious and Charitable  
Endowment administration Department,  
Erode.

3. The Assistant Commissioner  
Hindu Religious and Charitable  
Endowment administration Department,  
Namakkal.

4. The Inspector  
Hindu Religious and Charitable  
Endowment administration Department,  
Namakkal.

5. The Thakkar / Fit person  
Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Temple  
Sarkar Vazhavanthi Mohanur Taluk,  
Namakkal District (Head Quarters as  
The Executive Officer Arulmigu  
palapattarai Mariamman Temple  
Namakkal)

6. The District Collector



Namakkal.

7.The Revenue Divisional Officer  
Namakkal

8.The Tahsildar  
Mohanur, Namakkal District.

9.K.Maheswaran  
S/o.Kaliyanna Gounder, Chinna  
Karasapalayam, S.Valavanthi Post,  
Namakkal District.

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, for directing the 1 to 8 respondents to recover the golden and silver ornaments belong to Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukovil Situated at S.Valavanthi Village, Mohanur Taluk, Namakkal District from the 9th respondent and handover the same to the 5th respondent and further direct 1 to 8 respondents to celebrate panguni Chithirai festival for Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukovil in April 2023.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Muthukrishnan

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthikeyan, Government  
Advocate (HR&CE) for R1 to R4  
Mrs.A.V. Bharathi for R5  
Ms.V.Yamuna Devi  
Special Government Pleader for  
R6 to R8  
Mr.N.Udayakumar for R9

### **ORDER**

WMP.No.9195 of 2023 has been filed seeking to file a single writ petition. Since the petitioners are related to each, this petition is ordered on payment of single court fee.

2. This petition has been filed directing the 1 to 8 respondents to recover the golden and silver ornaments belong to Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukovil Situated at S.Valavanthi Village, Mohanur Taluk, Namakkal District from the



9th respondent and handover the same to the 5th respondent and further direct 1 to 8 respondents to celebrate panguni Chithirai festival for Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukovil in April 2023.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioners are Poosaris of Arulmigu Sri Mariamman Thirukovil Situated at S.Valavanthi Village, Mohanur Taluk, Namakkal District and their grievance is that gold and silver ornaments belonging to the subject temple were taken away by the 9th respondent/former Trustee. For recovery of the same, the present petition has been filed seeking for a direction.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that as on date, either the petitioners nor the 9th respondent has not handed over to the petitioners. Hence, seeks for a direction to the fifth respondent to file a formal complaint to the jurisdictional police station within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the jurisdictional police be directed to conduct investigation and recover the gold and silver articles from the person in the manner known to law.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader and the learned Government Advocate (HR & CE) would submit that if appropriate complaint is filed to the jurisdictional police, they will conduct investigation and pass appropriate orders



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6. In such view of the matter, there shall be a direction to the fifth respondent to file a formal complaint to the jurisdictional police within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, on receipt of complaint, the jurisdictional police shall conduct investigation and pass appropriate orders as per law.

7. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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