



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 7251 of 2026

and

W.M.P.No.7834 of 2026

N.Krishnakumar

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Coimbatore Collector Office,
7/1, State Bank Rd, Gopalapuram,
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu - 641 018.
2. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Board,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 034.
3. The Commissioner,
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation,
Town Hall, Coimbatore - 641 001.
4. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Board,
Commercial Tax Building, Ground Floor,
Dr.Balasundaram Road,
Coimbatore - 641 018.
5. The Executive Officer,
Annammar Viswanathar Temple,
(அருள்மிகு அண்ணமார் விஸ்வநாதர் திருக்கோயில்)
Thingalur Mariamman Koil,
(திங்கூர் மாரியம்மன் கோயில்)
Udayampalayam,
Coimbatore - 641 028.
6. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office, Coimbatore North,



Balasundaram Rd, ATT Colony, Gopalapuram,
Coimbatore - 641 018.

7. P.Vasanthakumar

8. R.Senthilkumar

9. R.Cheralathan,

10.Arulanandham

11.K.Sivakumar,

12.Annammar Viswanathan Temple,

(அருள்மிகு அண்ணமார் விஸ்வநாதர் திருக்கோயில்)

Thirumal Nagar, Udayampalayam,
Coimbatore - 641 028.

13.Thingalur Mariamman Koil,

(திங்கடூர் மாரியம்மன் கோயில்)

Udayampalayam, Coimbatore- 641 028.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take action against respondent No.7 to 11 based on the petitioner's representation dated 13.12.2025.

For Petitioner:

Mr.L.Ramu

For Respondents:

Mr.S.Senthil Murugan

Additional Government Pleader for R1 & R6

Mr.S.Ravichandran

Additional Government Pleader (HR & CE)

R2, R4 & R5

Mr.D.K.Arun Kumar, Standing Counsel for R3

Mr.K.Magesh for Mr.N.Manokaran for R7



ORDER

The writ petition is filed for action against respondents No.7 to 11 based on the petitioner's representation dated 13.12.2025.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the representation and other material records of the case, the grievance of the petitioner is that respondents No.7 to 11, on their own, without any due permission, have undertaken the *tirupani* works of the temple and they have demolished and reconstructed some of the portions, which is in total violation of the law. They are also collecting donations from the public, which is not permitted.

3. When the matter came up for hearing, *Mr.S.Ravichandran*, the learned Additional Government Pleader taking notice on behalf of the respondents 2, 4 & 5 would submit that it is not as if the respondents have undertaken *tirupani* without any permission, due permission has been taken. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, the State Level Committee granted its approval as early as on 10.07.2025 and only the permitted works are being undertaken. As far as the collection of donation is concerned, since one particular *Ubayadhar* had undertaken to do all the work, no *tirupani* committee was formed. Therefore, there is no question of any violation in the instant case.



When the works are in an advanced stage and now the date of *Kumbhabhishekam* is fixed on 06.03.2026, at this stage the petitioner wants to interfere.

4. *Mr.K.Magesh*, the learned counsel taking notice on behalf of respondent No.7 would submit that they are conducting the renovation of the temple in the manner known to law and they have not violated any rules.

5. I have considered the rival submissions that are made and perused the material records of the case.

6. Since due permission of the State Level Committee has been obtained and it is stated that only after due permission of the authorities, the *tirupani* is being conducted, the first limb of the prayer in the representation as if the entire demolition and reconstruction, etc., are illegally taking place stands rejected. The second limb of the representation is about collection of donations. If the donation is to be collected from the public, then the *Thirupani Kuzhu* has to be formed. Since it was represented before the Department that the entire cost is borne by one particular individual, no *Thirupani Kuzhu* specifically was constituted for that purpose. However, the petitioner has produced receipts for obtaining donation from individuals. Therefore, to the limited extent, the 4th respondent shall conduct an enquiry by issuing notice to the petitioner as well as



respondents No.7 to 11 and if donations are to be collected, then the necessary

Thirupani Kuzhu can also be formed by including appropriate persons. Let

further proceedings be conducted in accordance with the rules. Let the 4th

respondent inspect the temple and check whether the constructions are going on

as per the original permissions that are granted. Let the *Kumbhabhishekam* be

celebrated in accordance with the schedule on the date fixed (06.03.2026).

7. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is also closed. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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