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W.P.No.10253 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.10253 of 2026

And

W.M.P.Nos.11115, 11117, 11119 of 2026

1.S.Anandan
2.T.Neelaveni
3.S.Manju

... Petitioners

Vs.

- 1 The Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Tamilnadu,
Tourism, Culture and Religious and
Charitable Endowment Department,
Chennai.
- 2 The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai – 600 034.
- 3 The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Villupuram District.
- 4 The Assistant Commissioner / Election Officer,
Arulmighu Melamalayanur Angalamman Temple,
Melmalayanur, Villupuram
at now working at The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Kallakurichi District.



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5 The Assistant Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmighu Melmalayanur Angalamman Temple,
Melmalaiyanur,
Villupuram.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the fourth respondent dated 12.02.2026 and quash the same and direct the respondents to include the petitioner's name in the voters list conduct election as early possible in the trust board of Arulmighu Angalamman Temple, Melmalayanur, Villupuram in the years 2026.

For Petitioners : Mr.Uma Shankar
for M/s.K.Venkateswaran
For Respondents : Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

The petitioners have filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the fourth respondent dated 12.02.2026 and quash the same and direct the respondents to include the petitioners name in the voters list conduct election as early possible in the trust board of Arulmighu Angalamman Temple, Melmalayanur, Villupuram, in the years 2026.



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3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners further submitted that insofar as the present impugned order is concerned, the petitioners are eligible to be included in the voters list, however, the fourth respondent published the list of eligible voters/ impugned order, wherein the petitioners names were rejected on the ground case is pending. The petitioners right is hereditary and guaranteed by the Temple Scheme. Mere pendency of the case will not deprive the petitioners from including their names in the voter list.

4.The learned Special Government Pleader submitted that the fourth respondent has inadvertently issued the impugned order rejecting to include the name of the petitioners in the voter list and further submitted that mere pendency of the case will not deprive the petitioners from including their names in the voter list and further submitted that this Court may set aside the impugned order insofar as the petitioners are concerned.

5.In view of the fair submission made by the learned Special Government Pleader, the order passed by the fourth respondent dated 12.02.2026 is set aside insofar as the petitioners are concerned. The



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respondents are directed to include the petitioners name in the voters list. However, mere inclusion of the petitioners name in the voters list will not give any benefit to the petitioners in the pending case.

6.With the above observations and directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/ No
Speaking Order: Yes/ No
NCC: Yes/ No

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