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W.P.No.29809 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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R.Premnath Singh
S/o.Ranjith Singh

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department
Government of India
Fort St.George
Chennai-600 009.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief
Wild Life Warden
Tamil Nadu Forest Department
Forest Headquarters Building
Near Kannikapuram, Guindy – Velachery Main road
Guindy, Chennai-600 032.

3. The District Forest Officer
Kancheepuram Forest Division
Office of the District Forest Officer
Opposite to DIG Office and Behind Collector's Bungalow
Varadarajapannai, Vandavasi Road
Kancheepuram – 631 502.

... Respondents



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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.04.2025 together with the subsequent reminder representations, take into consideration the official report submitted by the Assistant Commissioner / Executive Trustee, Sri Arulmigu Devarajaswamy Temple, Kancheepuram, complete the enquiry / proceedings already initiated under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.Prakash Adiapadam
For Respondents : Ms.G.Jaya Shruthi
Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to consider his representation dated 19.04.2025. By the said representation, the petitioner requested the respondents to complete the enquiry already initiated under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. The petitioner states that the elephant ivory embedded in an ancient palanquin at Sri Arulmigu Devarajaswamy Temple, Kancheepuram, was damaged by two individuals. Though the petitioner lodged a complaint against them, the respondents have not completed the enquiry or taken further



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3. The learned State Counsel submitted that, pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 19.04.2025, an enquiry has already been commenced and the same would be completed within the time to be stipulated by this Court.

4. Recording the said submission, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to complete the enquiry pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 19.04.2025 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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