



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

W.P. No. 31246 of 2026

R.Shankar
Hereditary Trustee
Arulmigu Mangali Amman
Thirukovil @ Thulakkanathamman
Mangaliamman Kovil Street
St. Thomas Mount
Chennai-600 016

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Admn. Dept Nungambakkam
Chennai-600 034
2. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Admn. Department
Kancheepuram - 631 502
3. The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Admn,. Dept.
Chengalpattu - 603 002

..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing the second respondent herein to consider petitioner's representation dated 16.03.2026 and initiate appropriate proceedings under Section 78 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, for eviction of the encroacher and recovery of possession of the temple property measuring an extent of 2,775 sq.ft. comprised in Survey No.1516 St. Thomas Mount Village together with the superstructure



bearing Door No.47, New No.2, Bazaar Street, St. Thomas Mount Village, within a time frame.

For petitioner

Mr.T.S. Vijaya Raghavan

For respondents

Mr. N. Alagu Narayanan
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus directing the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.03.2026 and initiate appropriate proceedings under Section 78 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, for eviction of the encroacher and recovery of possession of the temple property measuring an extent of 2,775 sq.ft. comprised in Survey No.1516, St. Thomas Mount Village, together with the superstructure bearing door No.47, New No.2, Bazaar Street, St. Thomas Mount Village, within a time frame.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner, in his capacity as a Hereditary Trustee of Arulmigu Mangali Amman Thirukovil @ Thulakkanathamman, addressed a representation dated 16.03.2026 to the respondents 2 and 3 seeking removal of encroachment on the temple property at Survey No.1516, St. Thomas Mount village, Pallavaram Taluk, Chengalpattu Taluk and since the said representation still remains unconsidered, this writ petition has been filed seeking the aforesaid relief.



3. Mr. N. Alagu Narayanan, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepting notice for the respondents, submitted that the third respondent will consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 16.03.2026 within a period of six weeks.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the limited scope of the relief sought in this writ petition, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the third respondent to consider and pass appropriate orders on the petitioner's representation dated 16.03.2026, after issuing due notice to the petitioner and other aggrieved persons, if any, on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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KRISHNAN RAMASAMY, J.

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