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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-02-2026

CORAM

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

WP(MD) No. 1057 of 2018

and

W.M.P.(MD).No.1096 of 2018

A.Radhakrishnan
S/o.Arumugam, No.36, Sriram Nagar, Chennai

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner of Land Administration
Chepauk, Chennai
2. The Commissioner
HIndu Religious and Charitable Endowments,
NO.119, Nungambakkam High Rd, Chennai
3. The Director General of Police
Dr.Radhakrishnan Rd, Chennai
4. The District Collector
Tuticorin Dt, Tuticorin
5. The District Collector
Tirunelveli Dt, Tirunelveli
6. The Joint Commissioner
HIndu Religious and Charitbale Endowments,
Tirunelveli
7. Sheelashri Sivaprakasa Desiga Sathya Gnana
Pandara Sannathi
Adhina Kartha, senkol Adhinam, Nedunkulam,
Tuticorin Dt
8. Adhina Karthar
Kundrakudi Adhinam, Sivagangai
9. Adhina karthar



Thiruvavaduthurai Adhinam, Kuthalam Taluk,
Nagapattinam.

10. Adhina Karthar
Tharumapuram Adhinam, Mayiladuthurai
11. Adhina Karthar
Thirupananthai Adhinam, thanjavur
12. Adhina Karthar
Thondaimandala Adhinam, Kanchipuram
13. Adhina Karthar
Perur Adhinam, Coimbatore
14. Adhina Karthar
Madurai Adhinam, Madurai
15. Adhina Karthar
Mayilam Pommapura Adhinam, Villupuram
16. Adhina Karthar
Velakurichi Adhinam, Ambasamuthram,
Tirunelveli
17. Adhina Karthar
Thulavur Adhinam
18. Madathipathi
Sankara Madam, Kanchipuram
19. Madathipathi
Kowmara Madam, Coimbatore
20. Madathipathi
Mouna Madam, Chidambaram
21. Madathipathi
Emberunar Juyar Madam, Kanchipuram
22. Adhina Karthar
Viruthachala Adhinam, Viruthachalam
23. Adhina Karthar
Kunampatti Adhinam, Near Sennimalai Tirupur
Dt



24. Adhina Karthar
Sivapura Adhinam, Dindigul
25. Adhina Karthar
Kamatchipuri Adhinam, Coimbatore
26. Adhina Karthar
Suriyanar Kovil Adhinam, Thanjavore
27. Adhina Karthar
Siravai Adhinam, Coimbatore
28. Madathipathi
Senjeri Madam, Pallatam, Thiruppur
29. Adhina Karthar
Sivakiri Adhinam, Kodumudi Erode
30. Adhina Karthar
Pollachi Adhinam, Coimbatore
31. Adhina Karthar
Kovilur Adhinam, Karaikudi
32. Madathipathi
Emberumanar Juyar Madam, Alwarthirunagari,
Thoothukudi
33. Madathipathi
Perarulalar Juyar Madam, Thirukarunkudi,
Valliyoar, Tirunelveli
34. Madathipathi
Vanavarmalai Juyar Madam Nanguneri
Tirunelveli
35. Madathipathi
Chinna Juyar Madam, Srirangam
36. Madathipathi
Periya Juyar Madam, Srirangam
37. Madathipathi
Thirithandi Juyar Madam, Srirangam



38. Madathipathi
Embar Juyar Mdam, Sriperumputhur

39. Madathipathi
Aandal Juyar Madam, Srivilliputhur,
Virudhunagar Dt

40. The Inspector General of Registration
St. George Fort, Chennai

..Respondent(s)

To direct the respondents No.1 to 6 to remove the encroachments in patta No.445, 372, 708, 1031, 1980 situated at Sivakalai Village, Srivaikundram Taluk, Tuticorin District and Patta No. 510, 1066 situated at Alwar Kurichi Village -1, Ambasamudram Taluk, Tirunelveli District by taking necessary action based on the petitioners representation dated 10.01.2018 within a time frame as to be stipulated by this Honourable Court

For Petitioner(s): A.Radhakrishnan
(Party In Person)

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Ravichandran, AGP f
for R1 to 6 & R40.
No appearance for R8 to 15, R17 to R20,
R22 to R29, R31 to R39.
R7, R16, R21, R30 - Not ready in notice.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

Writ of Mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents to remove the encroachments.

2. Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the HR&CE Department would submit that survey of temple properties will be conducted by the competent authority and eviction proceedings will be enquired by invoking Section 78 of the HR & CE Act. It is needless to state the



temple properties are to be protected in the manner contemplated under the Act and Rules.

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3. The petitioner has raised several grievance in the matter of protection of temple properties. He has furnished all the details regarding the encroachments. That being the factum, the official respondents are directed to conducted inspection and identify the encroachments in the temple properties and thereafter, initiate eviction proceedings under section 78 of the HR&CE Act. Such exercise is directed to be initiated within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the action initiated must be continued until eviction proceedings are completed and the properties belong to the temple are resumed and utilised for the benefits of the temple under the provisions of the Act.

4. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (C.K.,J.)
25-02-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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