



W.P.(MD) No.18743 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 06.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.13875 & 13878 of 2026

S.Balasubramanian

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Commissioner
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai-600 034
- 2.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department
Madurai-625 001
- 3.The Executive Officer
Arulmigu Puttu Utsava
Vagairah Kattalai
Puttuthoppu Main Road
Madurai
Care of Madhana Gopalaswamy Temple
Office at Arulmigu Madhana
Gopalaswamy Temple
Madurai



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4.A.Venkateshkumar
Trustee
Arulmigu Puttu Utsava
Vagairah Kattalai
Arulmigu Puttu Chockanathar Thirukovil
No.23, Puttu Thoppu Main Road
Madurai

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned publication dated 02.06.2026 passed by the third respondent President of Puttu Urchava Vagaiyara Kattalai, Madurai and quash the same and further direct the fourth respondent to appoint the office bearers for the third respondent temple as per the order in O.A.No.53 of 1939 and confirmed in A.S.No.181 of 1941.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.T.S.Narendravasan
for Mr.K.Ramanathan

For Respondents : Mrs.K.Porkodi
Counsel for the Govt. of Tamil Nadu for R1 & R2
Mr.S.Manohar for R3



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the notification dated 02.06.2026, issued by the third respondent, notifying to fill up certain posts in the third respondent – Temple by duly indicating that the fourth respondent will appoint the candidates pursuant to the impugned notification.

2. The petitioner herein claiming to be a former member of the third respondent – Temple, has assailed the impugned notification on the ground that it is only the fourth respondent, who is competent to appoint the employees of the third respondent – Temple and therefore, the third respondent cannot issue the impugned notification.

3. Mr.S.Manohar, learned counsel, who takes notice for the third respondent – Temple, submits that it is only the fourth respondent, who is going to issue the appointment orders and not the third respondent.

4. The petitioner herein is neither a candidate aspiring to participate in the recruitment process pursuant to the impugned notification nor in anyway presently connected with the affairs of the third respondent –



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Temple. If at all the petitioner has got any grievance against the impugned notification, that can only be by way of a public interest. The petitioner having any personal interest in the recruitment process initiated by the first respondent, this Court does not see any *locus* for the petitioner to maintain this writ petition. Further, this writ petition has been filed under the misconception that the respondents 1 and 3 are going to appoint the candidates pursuant to the impugned Notification, which is totally baseless on the face of it.

5. In the light of the above, this writ petition is totally misconceived and accordingly, is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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