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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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and

W.M.P.(MD)No.15140 of 2026

Ramamoorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Ramanathapuram.

2.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Muthukulathur, Ramanathapuram District. ... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to ensure and extend their full cooperation to the temple administration by the petitioner as its nonhereditary trustee, for the ongoing renovation and Kumbhabisekam works of Arulmighu Thirukaaludaya Ayyanar Thirukoil, Kovilangulam, Kamudhi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, till they are successfully completed and done.

For Petitioner : Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Parthiban
Government Standing Counsel



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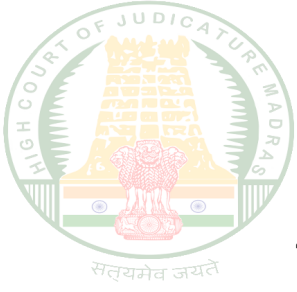
ORDER

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Department may interfere with the renovation works being carried out at Arulmighu Thirukaaludaya Ayyanar Thirukoil, Kovilangulam, Kamudhi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District. According to the petitioner, in view of the change in the Government in the State, there is a likelihood of interference with the day-to-day administration of the Temple, particularly when renovation works are in progress.

2. The records reveal that the petitioner was appointed as a non-hereditary Trustee under Section 47 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 (hereinafter referred to as "the H.R. & C.E. Act") by the first respondent / Assistant Commissioner on 17.04.2025. The petitioner's tenure is to expire on 16.04.2027.

3. It appears that an attempt was made to frame a scheme in O.A. No.61 of 2024 with a view to remove the petitioner from the office of non-hereditary Trustee of the aforesaid Temple. However, by order dated 20.04.2026, the said application filed under Section 64 of the H.R. & C.E. Act was dismissed by the Joint Commissioner, Sivagangai.



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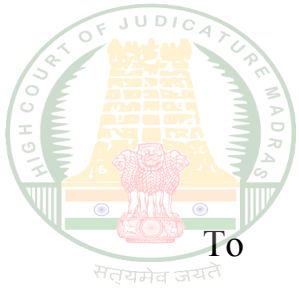
4. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents has produced a copy of the communication received from the first respondent, bearing Reference No.Na.Ka.No.1689/2024/A7, dated 20.07.2026, wherein the first respondent has categorically stated that there is presently no proposal either to appoint a Fit Person or to appoint another Trustee in place of the petitioner. The relevant portion of the said communication reads as follows:-

"மேற்படி திருக்கோயிலில் முதன்மை சன்னதியான அருள்மிகு திருக்காலுடைய அய்யனார் சன்னதி, இதர சன்னதிகளான பத்ரகாளியம்மன் சன்னதி, தவசி சித்தர் சன்னதி ஆகிய சன்னதிகளை ரூ.21,50,000/- (ரூபாய் இருபத்திதொரு இலட்சத்து ஐம்பதாயிரத்து மட்டும்) மதிப்பீட்டில் உபயதாரர் நிதியின் மூலம் திருப்பணி செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது. மேற்படி திருக்கோயிலுக்குப் புதியதாக தக்கார் நியமனம் செய்யவோ அல்லது புதிய அறங்காவலர் நியமனம் செய்யவோ தற்போது எந்தவிதமான நடவடிக்கையும் மேற்கொள்ளப்படவில்லை. எனவே, மேற்படி ரிட் மனுவை தள்ளுபடி செய்ய பணிந்து கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது."

5. In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed in this Writ Petition. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands closed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is also closed.

NCC : Yes / No
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