

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 30.11.2015

Coram:

The Honourable Mr.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
The Honourable Mrs.Justice PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA

Writ Petition Nos.28308 and 28309 of 2015

Rangarajan Narasimhan ... Petitioner in both WPs

Versus

1.The Secretary,
Department of Tamil Culture, Religious Endowments
and Information, Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 039.

3.The Executive Officer/Joint Commissioner
Sri Thiagarajaswamy Temple,
SriRangam, Trichy 620 006.

4.Director - Monuments
The Archaeological Survey of India,
Janpath, New Delhi.

5.Superintending Archaeologist
The Archaeological Survey of India
Chennai Circle, Chennai 8.

6. Sri Venu Srinivasan
Chairman, Board of Trustee
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy 620 006.

7.T.Raghuraman

8.K.N.Srinivasan

9.E.T.Kasturi

... Respondents in both WPs

W.P.No.28308 of 2015: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from carrying on the activities of demolition, alteration of structures, Sannidhis, Mandapas, Walls, Paintings, Murals in Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple at Srirangam without any approval, sanction from the respondents 1,4 and 5 and which are against the Pancharathira Agama and Paramesvara Samhiti and such of those which are not in accordance with the provisions of Management and Preservation of Properties of Religious Institution Rules.

W.P.No.28309 of 2015: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a writ Mandamus, directing the respondents 4 and 5 to take charge of the administration and maintenance of the Shri. Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple at Srirangam and protect the same.

For Petitioner ::: Mr.T.S.Vijayaraghavan
For Respondents::: Mr.P.H.Arvind Pandian
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.S.T.S.Murthi
Government Pleader
V.R.Kamalanathan AGP
for R.1 and R.2
Mr.R.Bharanidharan for R.3
Mr.Su.Srinivasan for R.4 and R.5

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(The Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble The Chief Justice)

These petitions are disposed of by consent, giving right to the petitioner to address the submissions and place the material on record in suo motu proceedings in W.P.No.574 of 2015 listed on 25.01.2016.

The Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs.

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Asst.Registrar

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Sub Asst. Registrar

To

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