

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.07.2016

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.JAICHANDREN

W.P.No.890 of 2014

and

M.P.No.1 of 2014

V. Sampathkumar

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable
Endowments Department
Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai-34.

2.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Villupuram
Villupuram District.

3.The Executive Officer
A/m.Ranganatha Swami Devasthanam
Thiruvarangam
Sankarapuram Taluk
Villupuram District.

... Respondents

The writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to confer on the petitioner the "Theerthamurai" with all other attached honours at A/m.Ranganatha Swami Thirukoil at Thiruvarangam, Sankarapuram Taluk, Villupuram District.

For Petitioner : M/s.A.S.Kailasam & Associates

For Respondents No.1&2: Mr.R. Ravichandran
Addl. Govt. Pleader

For Respondent No.2 : No appearance

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, as well as the learned counsel, appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 and 2.

2. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner, praying that this Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to confer on the petitioner the "Theerthamurai", with all other attached honours, at Arulmigu Ranganatha Swami Thirukoil, at Thiruvarangam, Sankarapuram Taluk, Villupuram District.

3. Though various grounds have been raised in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that it would suffice, if the second respondent is directed to dispose of the representation, dated 24.12.2013, on merits and in accordance with law, within the time frame, as may be fixed by this Court.

4. In view of the averments made in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition and in view of the submissions made by the learned counsel, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, this Court finds it appropriate to direct the second respondent to dispose of the representation of the petitioner, dated 24.12.2013, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, as well as the other persons concerned, if any. The petitioner shall furnish a copy of the representation, dated 24.12.2013, to the second respondent, along with a copy of this order. However, it is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter, by passing this order.

5. The writ petition is disposed of, with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected M.P. is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(J)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department
Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai-34.

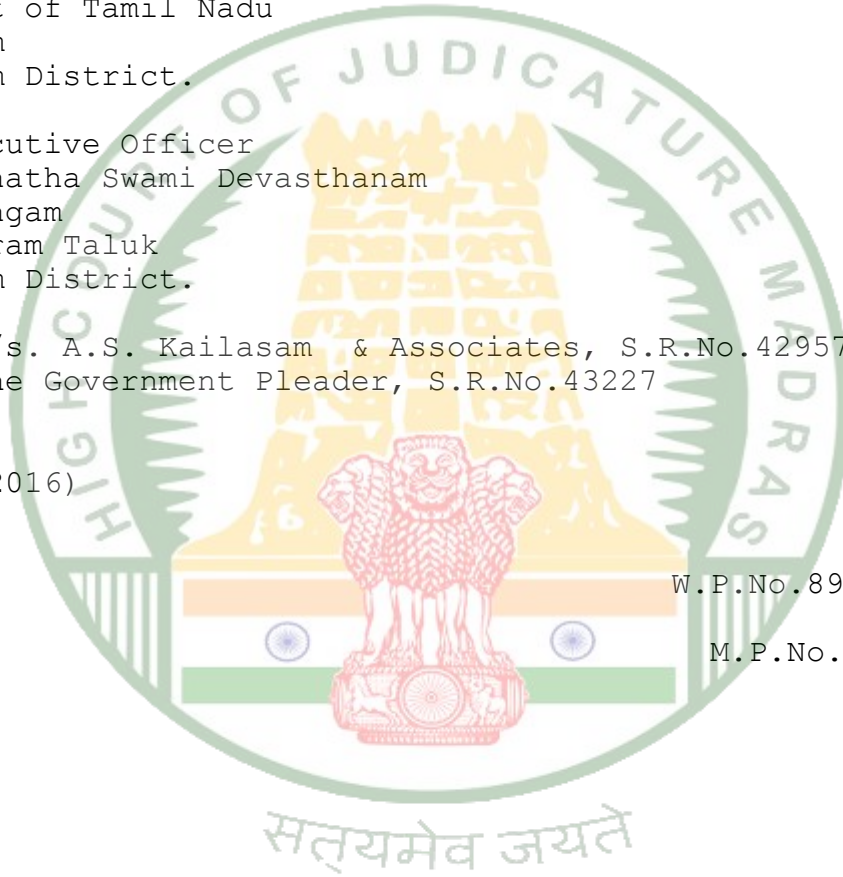
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+lcc to M/s. A.S. Kailasam & Associates, S.R.No.42957
+lcc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.43227

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