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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.04.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

W.P. (MD) No. 7758 of 2019

V.Mahalingam @ Chittarasu

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Commissioner of Hindu Religious
and Charitable Endowment,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Thousand Lights West,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious Charitable Endowment Department,
Arulmighu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukoil,
Madurai-625 001.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the second respondent herein to permit the petitioner and other villagers of Avaniapuram to perform the Devendra Pooja and Abishekam of Lord Meenakshi Sundareswarar on 19.04.2019 by issuing the archana tickets as usual on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 12.03.2019 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Thalaimutharasu

For R1 : Mr.K.Mu.Muthu
Additional Government Pleader

For R2 : Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan

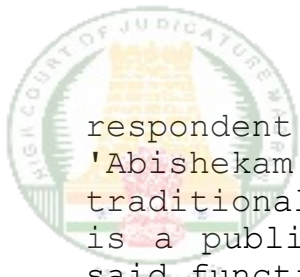
ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. This writ petition pertains to performance of 'Devendra Pooja' and 'Abishekam' of "Lord Meenakshi Sundareswarar" on the 12th day of Chithirai festival. The petitioner's apprehension is that this pooja will not be performed at Oonjal Mandapam. This apprehension of the writ petitioner appears to be misplaced.

<https://hcservices.mca.gov.in/hcservices/>

3. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the second



respondent temple categorically asserts that 'Devendra Pooja' and 'Abishekam' will be performed at Oonjal Mandapam as is being traditionally done. He also stated that since the second respondent is a public temple, everybody is at liberty to participate in the said function.

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4. The learned counsel for the second respondent made it clear that it is the temple that will conduct the event and the petitioner is only entitled to offer his worship and participate in the event.

5. This Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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SUB ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (CS II)

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1CC TO MR. G. THALAIMUTHARASU, ADVOCATE SR 58624

1CC TO THE SPL GOVT PLEADER SR 58332

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