



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 08.06.2020

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH
and
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P. (MD) No.6552 of 2020

M. Jayabharathi

Petitioner

vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu
represented by the Principal Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009

Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to issue a Standard Operating Procedure to be followed while re-opening all religious places of worship in physical function by considering the petitioner's representation dated 22.05.2020.

For petitioner: Mr. I. Pinaygash

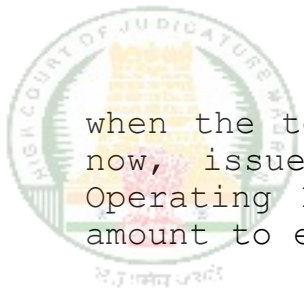
For respondent: Mr. R. Sethuraman
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by **P.N.PRAKASH,J.**]

This writ petition has been preferred as a public interest litigation seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to issue a Standard Operating Procedure to be followed while re-opening all religious places of worship by considering the petitioner's representation dated 22.05.2020.

2. This Court does not find any merit in this writ petition, inasmuch as, the Government itself has not taken any decision as to



when the temples are to re-opened. That apart, this Court cannot, now, issue any direction to the Government to issue a Standard Operating Procedure as prayed for by the petitioner as that would amount to encroaching into the domain of the executive.

Resultantly, this writ petition stands dismissed. Costs made easy.

Sd/-

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To

The Principal Secretary to Government
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