



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 21.12.2020**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.KIRUBAKARAN**

**AND**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

**W.P. (MD)No.9887 of 2019**

**and**

**W.M.P (MD)No.7747 of 2019**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to

Government of India,

Department of Archaeological

Survey of India, New Delhi.

2.The Principal Secretary of

Department of Archaeology and Tamil Development,

Secretariat, Chennai.

3.The Director General,

Archaeological Survey of India,

24, Tilak Marg,

New Delhi-110 001.

4.The Superintendent of Archaeology

Department of Archaeological Survey of India,

St. George Fort, Chennai.

5.The Commissioner of Archaeology,

Government of Tamil Nadu,

Tamil Valarchi Valagam,

Thanizh Salai, Egmore, Chennai.

6.The District Collector,

Pudukkottai District.

7.The Superintendent of Police,

Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take appropriate steps to declare the Fort in Porpanaikottai Village, Pudukkottai District as ancient monument and also to do excavation and research in this area to ascertain the historic and cultural heritage of this area.



For R1, R3

: Mrs.L.Victoria Gowri  
Assistant Solicitor General of India  
Assisted by Mr.A.P.Raja Simman  
Central Govt. Standing Counsel

For RR2,4,5,6 &7

: Mr.K.Chellapandian,  
Additional Advocate General  
assisted by Mr.M.Muthugeethaiyan,  
Special Government Pleader

**ORDER**

**(Order of the Court was made by N.KIRUBAKARAN, J)**

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the respondents to take appropriate steps to declare the Fort in Porpanaikottai Village, Pudukkottai District, as ancient monument and also to do excavation and research in this area to ascertain the historic and cultural heritage of this area.

2. Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, the learned Assistant Solicitor General of India appearing for the respondents 1 & 3 and the learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents 2,4,5,6 & 7.

3. Mr.Sivanandam, Deputy Director of Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department would submit that Tamil Open University has applied to the Archaeological Survey of India to do excavation at Porpanaikottai Village and since Archaeological Survey of India granted permission, excavation will be done in prospective places, where artifacts are found.

4. Mrs.L.Victoria Gowri, learned Assistant Solicitor General of India would submit that the proposal is pending before Archaeological Survey of India and appropriate action would be taken and the same shall be intimated to the Open University and decision can be taken on or before March 2021.

5. Recording the above submission, this writ petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

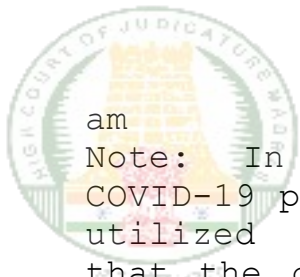
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