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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.08.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

W.P.NO.16125 OF 2019

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S.Bhuvaneshwari

... Petitioner/Petitioner

Versus

1. The Inspector General of Registration,
Santhome High Road,
Pattinapakkam,
Chennai.
2. The District Registrar,
Tiruppur,
Tiruppur District.
3. The Joint Sub Registrar No.II,
Tiruppur,
Tiruppur District.
4. The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Visweswara Swamy and
Veeraragava Perumal Temple,
Easwaran Kovil Street,
Tiruppur, Tiruppur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order dated 27.05.2019 vide proceedings in No.RFL/2 on the file of the third respondent and quash the same and directing third respondent to register and release sale deed dated 27.05.2019 to the petitioner within the time bound manner.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Dilli Kumar

For RR 1 to 3 : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan
Government Advocate

For 4th Respondent : Mrs.G.Sumithra



Religious and Charitable Endowments Development, Chennai and others].

7. In all these Writ Petitions, the issue was also the same, namely, whether the Sub Registrar, before whom a document is presented for registration can lawfully refuse to register it in view of a protest petition filed on behalf of a claimant that the land relating to which the document had been presented belonged to the claimant. After elaborate discussion, the Division Bench held as follows:-

"25. In view of the above discussions, all the writ petitions are allowed and the impugned orders are set aside with the following directions:

(i) The registering authority before whom the document has been presented shall cause service of notice on the parties to the deeds and also to the objector/religious institution, hold summary enquiry, hear the parties and then either register or refuse to register the document by passing an order having regard to the relevant facts as indicated above.

(ii) If the registering authority, refuses to register any document by accepting the objections raised under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, the aggrieved may file a statutory appeal under the Act.

(iii) If the objections raised under Section 22-A of the Act by the religious institution are rejected and the document is registered, the remedy for the religious institution is to either approach this Court by way of a writ petition seeking cancellation of the registration or for any other relief or to approach the civil Court for declaration of the title and for other consequential reliefs.

(iv) If the registering authority refuses to register the document acting on the objections raised by a religious institution under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, the parties to the deed will be at liberty to straightaway approach the Civil Court for declaration of title and other relief without availing the opportunity for filing a statutory appeal.



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(v) We further direct that if the deed has already been registered without there being any objection by the religious institution under Section 22-A of the Act, the document shall be returned to the parties concerned leaving it open for the religious institution to approach either the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India or the Civil Court for appropriate relief as indicated above. At any rate, the registering authority shall not withhold the deed which has already been registered.

(vi) Consequently the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. No costs."

8. I would also place a similar direction on the petitioner and the fourth respondent, namely, to appear before the third respondent whenever notice is issued and present their respective documents relating to their respective claims for title and thereafter, the third respondent is directed to consider and pass necessary orders.

9. Let the third respondent conclude the enquiry within a period of six weeks from the date when the document is presented once again by the petitioner, which presentation should again be by following due process by applying online.

10. With the above said direction, this Writ Petition is allowed. No order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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+1cc to Mrs.G.Sumithra, Advocate, S.R.No.40488

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