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Cont. P. No. 1121 of 2021

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

Dated : 11.02.2022

CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN**  
and  
**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU**

Contempt Petition No. 1121 of 2021

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Heritage Conservation Society  
represented by Secretary Mr. Srikumar  
No.102/x, Kurinji Street  
Polepettai, Tuticorin

.. Petitioner

Versus

1. B. Chandra Mohan  
The Secretary  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Department  
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009

2. J. Kumara Gurubaran  
The Commissioner  
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department  
Chennai - 600 034

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Section 11 of The Contempt of Courts Act praying to initiate contempt proceedings against the respondents for violating the order dated 07.06.2021 passed by this Court in *Suo Motu* WP No. 574 of 2015 and punish the respondents for undermining the majesty of justice.

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| For Petitioner | : | Mr. SP. Chockalingam                 |
| For Respondent | : | Mr. T. Chandrasekaran                |
|                |   | Special Government Pleader (HR & CE) |

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## **ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by **R. MAHADEVAN, J**)

The petitioner has filed this contempt petition against the respondents complaining non-compliance of the order dated 07.06.2021 passed by this Court in Suo Motu WP No. 574 of 2015.

2. The present contempt petition is filed alleging that the respondents have violated the direction No.33 issued by this Court in the order dated 07.06.2021. As per the said direction, the respondents shall not alienate or give away the lands contrary to the wish of the donor and the lands shall always remain with the temples. However, the respondents herein had issued a Circular in R.C. No. 45479/2021/M3 dated 16.06.2021 for alienation of the temple lands, which according to the petitioner is in clear violation of the directions issued by this Court.

3. Today when this contempt petition is taken up for hearing, the learned Special Government Pleader produced a memo dated 30th December 2021 filed on behalf of the second respondent stating that the Circular dated 16.06.2021 and the subsequent clarification dated 01.07.2021 issued by the Commissioner, HR & CE Department have been withdrawn by issuing a Circular in R.C. No. 45479/2021/M3 dated 17.12.2021.



4. In the light of the above, by recording the memo dated 30.12.2021 filed on behalf of the second respondent, this contempt petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, Sub-application No. 340 of 2021 is also closed.

SD/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(COMM.CASES)

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Dated at Madras this the                      day of                      2022.

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