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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.01.2022

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.MUNISHWAR NATH BHANDARI,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESAVALU

W.P.No.27090 of 2019

Rangarajan Narasimhan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Tourism, Culture and
Religious Endowments Department
Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, 119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034.
3. The Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
4. Venu Srinivasan
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
5. K.N.Srinivasan
Trustee, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.



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6. Kavitha Jagadeesan
Trustee, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
7. S.T.Rangachari
Trustee, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
8. Ko.Ka.Va.Annan Thiruvengkatachariar
Sthalathar, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
(Shri U.Ve.Ko.Ka.Va.Annan Vaadhoola Desikar)
206, East Uthra Street
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
9. U.Ve.Kovil Vedavyasa Senthamaraikannan Bhattar
Sthalathar, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
(Shri U.Ve.Vedavyasa Bhattar)
133/33, North Uthra Street
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
- 10.U.Ve.Badri Narayana Bhattar
Sthalathar, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
(U.Ve.Parasara Bhattar)
231, South Uthra Street
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
- 11.Sudharshana Rangachar
Sthalathar, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
(U.Ve.Ko.Ka.Va.Annan Rangachar)
121/70, East Chitra Street
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
- 12.Singaperumal Uthama Nambi
Sthalathar, Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
(Shri U.Ve.Uthama Nambi)
28/3, West Uthra Street
Srirangam,
Trichy - 620 006. ... Respondents

Prayer: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of declaration declaring the hereditary Sthalathar Trustee as the Chairman, Board of Trustees of Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple, Srirangam as required by Section 48 of the Hindu Religious and



Charitable Endowments Act and consequentially declare the election/appointment of the 4th respondent as Chairman, Board of Trustees of Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple, Srirangam, as arbitrary, illegal, null and void and the same being ultra vires of Section 48 of the HR&CE Act.

For the Petitioner : Mr.Rangarajan Narasimhan
Petitioner-in-person

For the Respondents : Mr.T.Chandrasekaran
Special Government
Pleader
for respondents 1 and 2

: Mr.C.Aryma Sundaram
Senior Counsel
for Mr.R.Karthikeyan
for respondents 4 to 7

: Mr.T.V.Ramanujam
Senior Counsel
for Mr.R.Karthikeyan
for 3rd respondent

: Mr.K.V.Babu
for M/s.R.Priyanka
for 9th respondent

: Mr.P.B.Sampath Kumar
for 10th respondent

: Mr.V.Giri
Senior Counsel
for Mr.P.K.Harinath Babu
for 12th respondent

: No appearance
for respondents 8 and 11



There will be no order as to costs. Consequently,
W.M.P.Nos.29005 and 30145 of 2021 are closed.

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SUB ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To:

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+1cc to the Government pleader Sr.3497
+1cc to Mr.P.B.Sampath Kumar, Advocate Sr.3199

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