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WP No.21481 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.07.2023

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

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

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R.Govindasamy : Petitioner

versus

- 1.The Chief Secretary,
Secretariat, Puducherry 1
- 2.The Secretary,
Department of Hindu Religious Institutions and Wakf
Secretariat, Puducherry 1
- 3.The Commissioner,
Department of Hindu Religious Institutions and Wakf
3rd Floor, Collectorate Complex
Pettaiyan Chathiram,
Puducherry 605 009
- 4.Karunanithi
- 5.Manoharan
- 6.P.Babu

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the third respondent to conduct enquiry and to take action on the representation dated 10.05.2023 sent by the petitioner in accordance with law.



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For the Petitioner : Mr.G.Pugazhenth
For the Respondents : Mr.Ravee Kumar,
Government Pleader (Puducherry)
for respondents 1 to 3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We have heard Mr.G.Pugazhenth, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Ravee Kumar, Government Pleader (Puducherry) for respondents 1 to 3.

2. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that respondents 4 to 6 are illegally collecting funds in the name of renovation of the temple. The petitioner has already filed a criminal case and first information report is registered.

3. According to the petitioner, the petitioner has also approached the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department by filing a representation. The representation, it appears, was filed on 10.05.2023. But the same is addressed to the Chief Secretary, Secretariat.



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4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also admits that it is respondent No.3, who is the appropriate authority. In that case, the petitioner may approach the third respondent by filing a necessary complaint/representation. In case such a complaint is filed with the third respondent, the third respondent shall look into the matter and take a decision accordingly.

5. The writ petition is disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(P.D.A., J.)

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