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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.01.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

WP.No.19371 of 2017 & W.M.P.No.20881 of 2017

N.V.P.Ashok ... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
   Nungambakkam, Chennai – 34.

2. The Assistant Commissioner,
   Officer of the Assistant Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious Charitable and Endowment Department,
   Thiruvaroor – 610 001.

3. The Assistant commissioner,
   Officer of the Assistant Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious Charitable and Endowment Department,
   Nagapattinam – 611 001.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   District Collectorate, Public Office Road,
   Nagapattinam District – 611 003.

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5. The Superintendent of Police,
District Police Head Quarters, Vellippalayam,
Nagapattinam District – 611 001.

6. Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District.

8. Nithyananda Swami

9. Sri Atmananda ... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition is filed, under the Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to conclude the proceedings initiated to secure the Mutt and its properties as per the Order of the first respondent in its proceedings Na.Ka.No.66372/2016/R1 dated 22.06.2017 within a time to be fixed by this Court consequently restraining the respondents 4 to 6from in any manner interfering with the administration of the mutts namely Sri Arunachala Gnanadesikar Swami Temple & Mutt, Sri Po.K.A.Sathukal Madam, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District and Sri Palsamy Mutt and Sri Sankara Swamy Mutt Thanjavur.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Conscious Ilango

For Respondent : Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan,
Special Government Pleader – R1 to R6

No appearance – R7 & R8

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to conclude the proceedings initiated to secure the Mutt and its properties as per the Order of the first respondent in its proceedings Na.Ka.No.66372/2016/R1 dated 22.06.2017 within a time to be fixed by this Court consequently restraining the respondents 4 to 6from in any manner interfering with the administration of the mutts namely Sri Arunachala Gnanadesikar Swami Temple & Mutt, Sri Po.K.A.Sathukal Madam, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District and Sri Palsamy Mutt and Sri Sankara Swamy Mutt Thanjavur.

2. When the matter is taken up today, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that as far as Arunachala Gnanadesikar Swami Temple & Mutti is concerned, the Executive officer has already been appointed. In so far as Sri Po.K.A.Sathukal Madam, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District and Sri Palsamy Mutt and Sri Sankara Swamy Mutt Thanjavur are concerned, they will appoint Executive officers within a period of three months.

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3. Recording the submissions of the learned Special Government Pleader, the respondents 1 to 6 shall make an endeavour to appoint the Executive Officer to Sri Po.K.A.Sathukal Madam, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District and Sri Palsamy Mutt and Sri Sankara Swamy Mutt Thanjavur, within the time undertaken before this Court.

4. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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