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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.02.2024

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESAVALU

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Rangarajan Narasimhan
Sanathana Dharmam/Sri Vaishnavam
“Arangan Thirumutram”
Kollidam Road
400 m West of Andavan Ashramam
Srirangam, Trichy – 620006.

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The Chief Secretary to Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Chennai – 600009.
2. The Home Secretary to Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Chennai – 600009.
3. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary
Department of Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments
Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai – 600 009.
4. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Secretary
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5. The Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu Police Department
Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai
Mylapore, Chennai – 600004.
6. Inspector of Police
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Samayapuram, Trichy.
7. The Deputy Superintendent of Police
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14. The Central Bureau of Investigation
CBI Head Officer
Plot No. 5-B, CGO Complex
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

15. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Fifteenth Respondent to conduct the audit for all temples under the supervisory control of the HR & CE Department, within a reasonable time frame and enact necessary rules to ensure the governing of timely audits with personal provisions to punish erring officials who do not adhere to the filing the audit reports as required by the HR & CE Act.

For Petitioner : Mr. Rangarajan Narasimhan (P-in-P)

For Respondents : Mr. N.R.R.Arun Natarajan (RR1 to 3)
Special Government Pleader

Mr. Baladhandayutham (RR 4 to 15)
Special Government Pleader

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ORDER

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

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Heard Mr. Rangarajan Narasimhan, Party-in-Person and Mr. N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, Learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the First to Third Respondents and Mr. Baladhandayutham, Learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the Fourth to Fifteenth Respondents and also perused the materials placed on record, apart from the pleadings of the parties.

2. The petitioner has come up with this writ petition seeking a direction to the 15th respondent viz., Commissioner, HR&CE Department, Chennai, to conduct audit for all the temples under the supervisory control of the HR&CE Department within a time frame and frame necessary rules to ensure the timely audits with penal provisions to punish the erring officials, who do not file the audit reports as required under the HR&CE Act.

3. The prayer made in this writ petition has already been meted out by this court in its earlier order dated 07.06.2021 passed in *suo motu* WP. No. 574 of 2015 and the said *suo motu* writ petition was directed to be posted “for reporting compliance”. Therefore, it is open to the petitioner to raise his



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objections, if any, when the said *suo motu* writ petition is taken up “for reporting compliance”.

4. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(R.M.D., J.)

(P.D.A., J.)

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Index: Yes / No

Speaking order/ Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes / No

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