



W.P.No.23008 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.08.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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S.Selvasekar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collectorate Office,
Thiruvannamalai,
Thiruvannamalai District.

2.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Department,
Thiruvannamalai,
Thiruvannamalai District.

3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Department,
Thiruvannamalai,
Thiruvannamalai District.

4.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Department,
Vandavasi,
Thiruvannamalai District.

... Respondents



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Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 08.05.2024 made to the respondents 1 to 3 herein with regard to hand over the key of Sri Ponniamman Temple, Amudur Village, Vandavasi Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District for conducting festivals and other related function of Sri Ponniammanmedu Temple, Pursuant to the order passed by the 3rd respondent on 26.04.2023 in Ch.Mu.Na.Ka.No.1016/2023/A1.

For Petitioner : Ms.Saranya

For Respondents : Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader [R1]
Mr.K.Karthikeyan
Government Advocate [R2 to R4]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct to the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the representation dated 08.05.2024 made by the petitioner with regard to hand over the key of Sri Ponniamman Temple, Amudur Village, Vandavasi Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District for conducting festivals and other related function, pursuant to the order passed by the 3rd respondent on 26.04.2023 in Ch.Mu.Na.Ka.No.1016/2023/A1.



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2. Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepts notice on behalf of the 1st respondent and Mr.K.Karthikeyan, learned Government Advocate (HR & CE), accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 2 to 4. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel for the parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The case of the petitioner is that, Sri Ponniamman Temple is very famous in Amudur Village and on 27.07.2023, he was appointed as non hereditary trustee of the said temple to look after the temple and its activities. However, one Balamurugan and Selaganesh took control over the temple activities illegally and unlawfully and making violation of Agama rules by conducting pooja ceremonies, without getting permission from the respondents 1 to 3. Hence, the petitioner, being the non hereditary trustee, sent a representation dated 08.05.2024 to the respondents, seeking to hand over the key of the disputed temple to him for conducting festivals and other related functions. Since the said representation was not considered by the



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in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as aggrieved persons, if any, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking Order / Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation Case : Yes / No
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