



W.P. No. 28070 of 2022

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED : 13.03.2024**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN**

**AND**

**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKEVALU**

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**and**

**W.M.P. Nos. 27351 and 27352 of 2022**

Vishwakarma Institute of Excellence  
in Vedic Arts, Science and  
Technology Association. VIEVAST,  
registered under the Societies Registration Act  
Vide No. 30/67, 4th Main Road, Jawahar Nagar,  
Chennai - 600082,  
represented by its Trustee  
S.K.Sivakumar

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments (RES-2) Department,  
Fort St. George,  
Chennai - 600009.

2. The Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious and CE Department,  
Nungambakkam,  
Chennai.

... Respondents

**Prayer:-** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, praying for a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling or the records of the Respondents, particularly that of the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent in G.O. Ms. No. 117 dated 12.10.2021 and quash the same as illegal, ultra vires and without Jurisdiction and consequently directing the Respondents to include traditional Sthapatis within the objectives of Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable



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Endowments, Engineering and Sub-ordinate Service Rules pertaining to Renovation and Conservation Wing in appointment of such Sthapatis to various Temples under the control of HR & CE Department, by issuance of appropriate notification and to complete such exercise.

For Petitioner : Mr. Rajamohan  
for Mr. R.Bhaskaran

For Respondents : Mr. NRR.Arun Natarajan

### ORDER

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

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner seeks permission of this Court to withdraw this writ petition. He has also made an endorsement to that effect in the court record.

2. In view of the above submission and endorsement made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(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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