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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.09.2024

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP.No.26549 of 2024

A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
TOURISIM CULTURE AND ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009.
- 2 THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-600 005.
- 3 THE COMMISSIONER,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT, 119 NUNGAMBAKKAM HIGH ROAD,
CHENNAI-600 034.
- 4 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
WEST ZONE, COIMBATORE-641 018.
- 5 THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE,
CUM DISTRICT COLLECTOR, SALEM TOWN- 636 001.
- 6 THE SUB DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE
MAGISTRATE CUM REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
SANKARI-637 301, SALEM DISTRICT.
- 7 THE TALUK EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE
CUM TAHSILDAR, EDAPPADY-636 105, SALEM
DISTRICT.
- 8 THE TAHSILDAR,
TEMPLE LANDS, SALEM TOWN-636 001.
- 9 THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PANCHAYATS,
SALEM TOWN-636 001.



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- 10 THE REGIONAL AUDIT OFFICER,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT, TAMIL SANGAM ROAD, SALEM-636 007.
- 11 THE JOINT COMMISSIONER,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT, SALEM-636 001.
- 12 THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT, SALEM-636 001.
- 13 THE INSPECTOR,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT, SANKARI, SALEM DISTRICT.
- 14 THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATOR,
ARULMIGU PERIYAMARIAMMAN TEMPLE,
SAMUTHRAM VILLAGE, EDAPPADI TALUK,
SALEM DISTRICT-636 306.

....Respondents

Prayer :- Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus Directing the respondents to secure and safeguard the properties of 14th respondent temple and restore the same in favour of 14th respondent temple by considering petitioners representation dated 24.11.2017 and 07.11.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Radhakrishnan

For Respondent : Mr.NRR. Arun Natarajan, SGP (HR & CE)
RR1,3,10 to 14
Mr.LSM Hasan Fizal AGP RR2, 5 to 9
Mr.L.Baskar, GA, Crl side R4

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to secure and safeguard the properties of 14th respondent temple and restore the same in



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favour of 14th respondent temple by considering petitioners representations dated 24.11.2017 and 07.11.2023.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the 14th respondent is a temple and it has property in S.F.No.10, Samuthiram Village, Edappady Taluk, Salem District to an extent of 3-28.50 Hectare. The temple is under the control of the 3rd respondent. The petitioner has brought to the knowledge that the temple properties are under the control of land grabbers who illegally occupied the said lands. Hence, the petitioner made a representation to the respondents on 07.11.2023 which was not considered till date. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this Court may direct the respondents to consider and pass orders on the petitioners representation within the stipulated time as fixed by this Court.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that the representation will be considered and



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appropriate orders will be passed by the third respondent within the stipulated time as fixed by this Court.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the limited request sought for by the petitioner, this court directs the third respondent to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation on 24.11.2017 and 07.11.2023 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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