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W.P.No.29022 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.09.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary to Government,
Human Resources Development (Inspection Cell Wing) Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 4.The Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 5.The Secretary to Government,
Tourism Culture & Endowments Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 6.The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,



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7.The Commissioner of Land Administration,
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8.The Director of Survey and Settlement,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.

9.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
119, Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai – 600 034.

10.The Director,
Hindu Charitable Institutions Audit Department,
Tenampet,
Chennai – 600 028.

11.The Chief Engineer,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
119, Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai – 600 034.

12.The Inspector General of Registrations,
100, Santhome High Road,
Chennai – 600 028.

13.The Chairman,
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority,
No.1, Gandhi Erwin Road,
Egmore,
Chennai – 600 008.

14.The District Collector,
Chennai – 600 001.

15.The District Collector,



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Thiruvallur.

16. The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Chennai – 600 003.
17. The Commissioner of Metropolitan Police,
Chennai City Police Commissionerate,
Poonamallee High Road,
Chennai – 600 007.
18. The Commissioner of Police,
Avadi,
Chennai.
19. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Pady,
Chennai – 636 050.
20. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Chennai.
21. The Hereditary Trustee,
Arulmigu Chennai Maleeswarar,
Chennai Kesavaperumal and Groups of Temples,
85, Devaraja Mudali Street,
Chennai – 600 003.
22. The Managing/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Chennai Maleeswarar,
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85, Devaraja Mudali Street,
Chennai – 600 003.
- ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 9, 19, 20 to 22 to take appropriate steps to secure and safeguard the properties of



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22nd respondent temple and its administration with the coordination of the other respondents officials herein by considering petitioner representations dated 03.09.2014 and 15.09.2024.

For Petitioner : Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader [R1,
R2, R4, R8 & R12]
Mr.U.Baranidharan
Additional Government Pleader [R3,
R6, R7, R14 & R15]
Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan
Special Government Pleader [R5, R9 to
R11, R19 to R22]
Mr.S.Gopinathan [R16]
Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) [R17
& R18]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 9, 19, 20 to 22 to take appropriate steps to secure and safeguard the properties of 22nd respondent temple and its administration with the coordination of the other respondents officials herein by considering petitioner representations dated 03.09.2014 and 15.09.2024.

2. The case of the petitioner is that, he is an ardent devotee to the



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22nd respondent temple and the said temple has several properties in its name. Whenever he visits Chennai, he used to visit the said temple for his worship and on his visit to the said temple, he came to know that the temple has several properties but the same are now not in the control of the 22nd respondent temple. Hence, the petitioner had made representations dated 03.09.2014 and 15.09.2024 before the respondents. Since the same was not considered, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition before this court.

3. Though very many grounds have been raised in this writ petition, the petitioner (Party-in-Person) submits that, it would suffice, if this court, issues a direction to the respondents 9, 19, 20 to 22 to take appropriate steps to secure and safeguard the properties of 22nd respondent temple and its administration with the coordination of the other respondents officials by considering petitioner's representations dated 03.09.2014 and 15.09.2024, within a time frame that may be stipulated by this court.

4. Learned respective counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the representations of the petitioner dated 03.09.2014 and



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15.09.2024 will be considered on merits and in accordance with law and appropriate orders will be passed, as expeditiously as possible.

5. Considering the limited request made by the petitioner (Party-in-Person), this court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents 9, 19, 20 to 22 to take appropriate steps to secure and safeguard the properties owned by the 22nd respondent temple by considering the representations of the petitioner dated 03.09.2014 and 15.09.2024, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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