



WP No.29877 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.04.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

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B.Jagannath

.. Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments
Department (HR & CE), Nungambakkam,
Chennai 600 034.
2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments
Department (HR & CE), Villupuram Zone
and Division, Villupuram.
3. The Assistant Commissioner cum Executive
Officer, Arulmighu Angalamman Temple,
Melmalaiyanur Village,
Gingee Taluk, Villupuram District.
4. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments
Department (HR & CE), Villupuram,
Villupuram.
5. The District Collector,
Villupuram District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to consider



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strictly observe and practice the temple Agamas, Customs, Traditions especially pertaining to Moolavar and Utsavar idols of the Arulmighu Angalamman Temple, Melmalaiyannur Village, Gingee Taluk, Villupuram Zone and Division - also based upon the Adi Saiva Sivachariyar judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and my representation dated 25.07.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Jagannath
Party-in-person

For Respondents : Mr.NRR.Arun Natarajan
Spl. Govt. Pleader (HR & CE)
for RR 1 to 4
: Mr.P.Harish
Govt. Advocate for R-5

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ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We have heard Mr.B.Jagannath, petitioner-in-person, Mr.NRR.Arun Natarajan, learned Special Government Pleader for respondents 1 to 4 and Mr.P.Harish, learned Government Advocate for respondent No.5.

2. On the last date, we had recorded the submission of the learned Special Government Pleader for HR & CE Department and also reproduced the order passed by the Apex Court in S.L.P.(C) No.6554 of 2021 dated 16.11.2021.



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3. The contention of the petitioner, it appears, is that the idol is kept outside. According to the learned Special Government Pleader (HR & CE), since time immemorial, the idol is kept outside, however, inside the temple premises.

4. The petitioner-in-person submits that he has given a representation on 25.07.2022. The respondent No.2 may decide the said representation on its own merits and in accordance with law and policy within a period of three months.

With the aforesaid observation, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(S.V.G., CJ.) (J.S.N.P., J.)
12.04.2024

Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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