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W.P.No.29028 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 the Government,
Public Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary to the Government,
Revenue Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 4.The Secretary to Government,
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Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 5.The Secretary to Government,
Water Resources Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.



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6.The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.

7.The Commissioner of Land Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.

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

9.The Engineer in Chief cum Chief Engineer (General),
Water Resources Department,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.

10.The Inspector General of Police,
West Zone,
Coimbatore.

11.The District Executive Magistrate cum District Collector,
Salem – 636 001.

12.The Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate cum Revenue Divisional
Officer,
Mettur.

13.The Executive Magistrate cum Tahsildar,
Mettur.

14.The Tahsildar,
Temple Lands,
Salem.

15.The Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Salem – 636 007.

16.The Superintendent of Police,



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Nethimedu,
Salem – 636 002.

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17.The Inspector,
Mecheri Police Station,
Mecheri,
Salem District.

18.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Salem Town – 636 001.

19.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Salem Town – 636 001.

20.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Mettur,
Salem District.

21.The Fit Person,
Arulmigu Varadharaja Perumal Thirukoil,
Pottaneri Village,
Mettur Taluk,
Salem District – 636 303.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 20 to act immediately and secure and safeguard the properties of 21st respondent temple by considering petitioner representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023.

For Petitioner : Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal



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Additional Government Pleader [R1,
R3, R5 & R9]

Mr.U.Baranidharan

Additional Government Pleader [R2,
R6, R7, R11 to 13]

Mr.S.Ravichandran

Special Government Pleader [R4, R8,
R14, R18 to R21]

Mr.L.Baskaran

Government Advocate (Crl.Side) [R10,
R15 to R17]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 20 to act immediately and secure and safeguard the properties of 21st respondent temple by considering petitioner representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023.

2. The case of the petitioner is that, he is an ardent devotee to the 21st respondent temple, namely Arulmigu Varadharaja Perumal Thirukoil and the said temple is having various properties covered under patta No.1 situated at Pottaneri Revenue Village, Mettur Taluk, Salem District. In the said properties, there are certain irregularities committed and caused damages to the said properties and even though the said temple is under



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the control of the 8th respondent department, they have not taken any steps to rectify the said irregularities. Immediately, after having knowledge of the said irregularities, the petitioner had brought the same to the respondents by way of representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023. 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 1 to 20 to act immediately and secure and safeguard the properties of 21st respondent temple by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023, within a time frame that may be stipulated by this court.

4. Learned respective counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023 will be considered on merits and in accordance with law and appropriate orders will be passed, as expeditiously as possible.



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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 1 to 20 to secure and safeguard the properties owned by the 21st respondent temple by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2023 and complaint dated 12.12.2023, 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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Index : Yes / No
Speaking order / Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation Case : Yes / No
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