



W.P.(MD).No.2741 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 11.12.2024

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chief Executive Officer,
Tamilnadu Wakf Board,
No.1, Jaffer Jarang Road,
Vallal Seethakhadhi Nagar,
Chennai - 600 001.

2.The Superintendent of Wakfs,
Tamilnadu Wakf Board,
No.159/3, Therpasayanam Road,
Velipattinam, Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Karaikudi Taluk,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to take necessary action on the basis of the petitioner's representations dated 29.06.2020, 06.07.2020, 31.07.2020 and 21.09.2020 within the time stipulated by this Court and for other reliefs.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Muthumalai
For R-3 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to take necessary action on the basis of the petitioner's representations dated 29.06.2020, 06.07.2020, 31.07.2020 and 21.09.2020 within the time stipulated by this Court.

2. The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents 1 and 2 on 21.09.2020 to remove the encroachment in the Dargah property. Since the said representation was not considered, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers



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under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. Since there is a considerable lapse of time after the earlier representation was made, the petitioner herein is granted liberty to give a fresh representation to the concerned respondent, ventilating his grievances, as expeditiously as possible. On receipt of such a representation, the concerned respondent is directed to consider the same, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner herein, as well as to any other person, who may be interested in the subject matter, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of the representation. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same, on its own merits.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(M.S.R.,J.) (A.D.M.C.,J.)
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