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WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.06.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

**W.P.(MD) No.5544 of 2024
and
W.M.P(MD)No.5272 of 2024**

Murugaraj

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1 The District Collector
Office of the Collectorate Building,
Thoothukudi District.
- 2 The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Tiruchendur, Thoothukudi District.
- 3 The Tahsildar
Office of the Tahsildar,
Sathankulam,
Thoothukudi District.
- 4 The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment (HR&CE),
Nungambakkam,
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- 5 The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment (HR&CE),
Palayankottai,
Thoothukudi.
- 6 Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment (HR&CE),
Thoothukudi.
- 7 Sanmuhathan. ... Respondents

PRAYER:Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents 1 to 6 to conduct an enquiry and take necessary action against the Respondent No.7 for misappropriation so as to protect the interest of Sri Mutharamman Thirukoil situated at Pitchivillai Kallakurichi Village Sathankulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.01.2024.

For petitioner : Mr.P.Kanirajan
For respondents : Mr.P.T.Thiraviam
Government Advocate for R1 to R6
Mr.K.Arunraj for R7

ORDER

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 to 6 and learned counsel for the seventh respondent.

2. The learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 to 6 submits that the temple is not under the control of TNHR&CE Department.



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However, the petitioner's representation for taking over the temple and the petitioner's request for appointment of Executive Authority to manage the temple will be decided after the decision is taken to take over the temple.

3. The learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 to 6 further submits that this exercise will be completed by the sixth respondent within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. Recording the same, the Court is inclined to dispose of this Writ Petition by directing the sixth respondent to dispose of the petitioner's representation on merits and in accordance with law within a period of three months from the date of receipt of this order.

5. Needless to state, the persons, who are likely to be impacted by aforesaid exercise, shall be heard, in case any adverse decision is to be taken against them, to take over the temple at request of the petitioner.



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This Writ Petition is disposed of, with above directions. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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C.SARAVANAN, J.

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