



W.P(MD)No.14477 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.01.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P(MD)No.14477 of 2023 and
WMP(MD) Nos.12279 & 14102 of 2023

1. Pandiaraman
2. Thiyagarajan

... Petitioners

Vs

- 1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Chennai 600 034.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Thanjavur.
- 3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department, Pudukkottai.
- 4.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department, Pudukkottai.



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5.The Inspector of Police,
Manamelkudi Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

6.Raja

7. Chidambaram

8. Ambal Murugadoss

9. Rajendran

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the fourth respondent to remove the lock put by the 4th respondent in the outer gate of Arulmighu Sri Ayyanar Temple, Idayathi Mangalam Village, Manamelkudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Paranjothi
For R1 to R5	: Mr.P.Subbaraj Special Government Pleader
For R6 & R7	: Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai
For R8	: Mr.R.Alagumani
For R9	: No appearance

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for a mandamus, directing the fourth respondent to remove the lock put up by the fourth



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respondent in the outer gate of Arulmighu Sri Ayyanar Temple,
Idayathi Mangalam Village, Manamelkudi Taluk, Pudukkottai
District.

2.Today(03.01.2024), when this writ petition is taken up for hearing, the learned Special Government Pleader, on instructions, which he has received from the Inspector, HR & CE Department submits that there was a dispute between two groups with regard to the poojariship of the subject temple and therefore, the outer gate of the temple was locked by the police in order to prevent further law and order problem. Subsequent to filing of this writ petition, the lock was opened on 22.06.2023 and both the rival parties were directed to work out their remedy before the appropriate civil Court.

3.Considering the limited relief sought for by the petitioners that only to remove the lock put up in the temple, the submission of the learned Special Government Pleader is recorded



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and this writ petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, connected

Miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

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NCC: Yes/No

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