



W.P.(MD)No.23374 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.11.2024

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU**

**W.P.(MD)No.23374 of 2024**

**and**

**W.M.P.(MD)No.19778 of 2024**

R.Pancholai

...Petitioner

Vs

The Executive Officer,  
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,  
Arulmigu Chitambareshwarar Vakayara Thirukovil,  
Pullambadi,  
Lalgudi Taluk,  
Trichy District.

... Respondent

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned notice dated 17.09.2024 issued by the respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ananda Kumar

For Respondent : V.Chandrasekar



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## **ORDER**

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Heard Mr.N.Ananda Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and V.Chandrasekar, learned counsel for the respondent.

2. Challenge to the Writ Petition is the notice issued by the respondent dated 17.09.2024, calling upon the petitioner to remove the encroachment made by him in the property belonging to the temple forthwith, failing which appropriate proceedings under Section 78 and 79 of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, would be initiated.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the respondent would indicate that the notice could only be treated as pre-notice for initiation of proceedings under Section 78 of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act by the Joint Commissioner of HR & CE Department and without complying such proceedings, the encroachment will not be removed.



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4. Recording the said submission, I do not find any reasons for adjudicating upon the issue. The possession of the petitioner shall be subject to the proceedings that may be initiated by the Joint Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, under Section 78 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

5. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of.  
No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

**11.11.2024**

NCC:yes/no  
Index:yes/no  
Internet:yes/no  
Nsr

**Note: Registry is directed to mark a copy of the order to Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.**

**To:**

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**K.KUMARESH BABU, J.**

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