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W.P.(MD) No.26563 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.11.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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R.Muruganandham

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The District Collector
Office of the Collectorate
Ramanathapuram
Ramanathapuram District
- 2.The Superintendent of Police
Office of the Superintendent of Police
Ramanathapuram District
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Office of the Revenue Divisional Office
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Ramanathapuram District
- 4.The Tahsildar
Office of the Tahsildar
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5.The Deputy Superintendent of Police
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police
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Keelakarai
Ramanathapuram District

6.The Inspector of Police
Ervadi Dharga Police Station
Keelakarai Taluk
Keelakarai
Ramanathapuram District

7.T.Muruganandham

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 3 and 4 to take action against the seventh respondent in accordance with law to receive the temple key from the seventh respondent and to handover the key of Vazhavanthal Amman Temple and Vinayagar Temple, which belong to Sathiriyar Nattathi Nadar Uravinmurai Trust, to the Trust by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 26.09.2024 within a time frame limit as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Babu Jaganath

For Respondents : Mr.S.Shanmugavel
Additional Government Pleader for R1, R3 & R4
Ms.M.Aasha
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R2, R5 & R6



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ORDER

Mr.S.Shanmugavel, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 1, 3 & 4 and Ms.M.Aasha, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), takes notice for the respondents 2, 5 & 6.

2. Since the writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage itself and in view of the nature of the order proposed to be passed, notice to the private respondent is dispensed with.

3. With the consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

4. This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents 3 and 4 to take action against the seventh respondent in accordance with law for handing over the key of Vazhavanthal Amman Temple and Vinayagar Temple to Sathiriya Nattathi Nadar Uravinmurai Trust as these temples belong to the said Trust, by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 26.09.2024.



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5. The petitioner is the President of Hindu Sathiriya Nattathi Nadar Uravinmurai Trust. There are temples belonging to the said Trust. The seventh respondent, who is a member of the said Trust, was entrusted with the renovation work of Vazhavanthal Amman Temple and Vinayagar Temple, which belong to the said Trust. However, after completion of the renovation work, the seventh respondent refused to hand over the key of the temples to the said Trust. Hence, the petitioner has filed this writ petition.

6. Admittedly, the Trust, namely, Hindu Sathiriya Nattathi Nadar Uravinmurai Trust is a Private Trust and it does not come under the purview of the Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department. Further, the dispute between the petitioner and the seventh respondent is civil in nature and hence, the representation submitted by the petitioner cannot be directed to be considered by the official respondents and the petitioner has to necessarily approach the competent Civil Court for appropriate relief.



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7. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed as devoid of merits.

However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach the competent Civil Court for appropriate relief by filing appropriate application. No costs.

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