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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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&

W.M.P.Nos.19564, 19565 & 19568 of 2025

Arulmurugan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary
Department of Culture & Tourism
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai 600 009.
2. The District Collector
Revenue Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Theeran Chinnamalai Maligai
Perundurai Road
Erode 638 011.
3. The Land Acquisition Officer and
District Revenue Officer (DRO)
Revenue Department
Erode Collectorate Office
Theeran Chinnamalai Maligai
1st Floor, Perundurai Road
Erode 638 011.



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4. The Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO)
Revenue Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Gobichettipalayam
Erode District 638 452.
5. The Tahsildar
Revenue Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Anthiyur Taluk
Bhavani-Anthiyur-Kollegal Road
Anthiyur
Erode District 638 501.
6. The Deputy Tahsildar
(Headquarters) Revenue Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
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7. The Village Administrative Officer
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Government of Tamil Nadu
Singara Veethi, Anthiyur
Erode District 638 501.
8. The Principal Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Government of Tamil Nadu
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9. The Directorate of Technical Education
Department of Education
Government of Tamil Nadu
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10. The District Educational Officer
Department of Higher Education
Government of Tamil Nadu
No.227, Old Railway Station Road
Konavaikkal, Maapalam
Erode, Erode District 638 001.
11. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
(HR & CE)
Erode Division
Headquarters, Uttamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034.
12. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
(HR & CE)
Erode Division
D.No.20F, Chinnamuthu Veethi 1
Perundurai Road
Erode 638 001.
13. The Assistant Commissioner (Addl charge)
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
(HR & CE)
Gobichettipalayam Zone
Erode Division
Ex-Service Man Complex
Erode 638 001.
14. The Executive Officer
Arulmighu Veereswaraswamy Temple
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
Anthiyur, Gobichettipalayam
Erode District 638 501.



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15.The Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Revenue
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai 600 009.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records made in the impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent, namely the Land Acquisition Officer and District Revenue Officer, Erode, vide R.C.No.9136/2023/A2 made in Order dated 02.09.2024 and quash the same as illegal, unconstitutional, void in respect of the temple land vide Survey No.1298, measuring to an extent of 02.02.35 hectares (20235 sq.m) of land out of a total extent of 05.30.00 hectares is required for the construction of building at Anthiyur "B" Village, Anthiyur Taluk, Erode District and land belonging to the Arulmighu Veereswaraswamy Temple and consequently direct all the respondents to drop all further proceedings in respect of the said land acquisition proceedings.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Jagannath

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ravindran
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by
Mr.K.Karthik Jegannath
Government Advocate
for Respondents 2 to 10 & 15

Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan
Special Government Pleader
(HR & CE)
for Respondents 1, 11 to 14



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

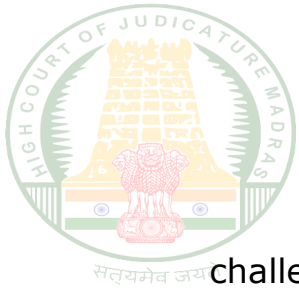
Challenge in this petition is to the notification initiating land acquisition proceedings towards acquisition of part of land belonging to Arulmighu Veereswaraswamy Temple.

2. Learned counsel for respondents 2 to 10 and 15 submits that an award has also been passed and compensation deposited.

3. Shri. Arun Natarajan enters appearance on behalf of respondents 1 and 11 to 14 and would submit that an application is submitted seeking enhancement of award.

4. Be that as it may, taking into consideration that an award has already been passed, this petition cannot be entertained.

5. Petition is closed. This order shall not come in the way of



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challenge to the award that has been passed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, all the interim applications are closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (SUNDER MOHAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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