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In the High Court of Judicature at Madras

Dated : 16.5.2025

Coram :

The Honourable Mr.Justice V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

Writ Petition No.18337 of 2025

P.Saravanan

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Additional Chief Secretary,  
Tourism, Culture & Religious  
Endowments Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

2.The Commissioner, Hindu  
Religious & Charitable  
Endowments Department,  
119, Uthamar Gandhi Road,  
Thousand Lights West,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.

3.The Joint Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable  
Endowments Department,  
Koottai Maariyamman Kovil  
Campus, Near Old Bus Stand,  
Salem-636001.

4.The Assistant Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable  
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5.The Superintendent of Police,  
Salem.

**(R5 suo motu impleaded vide  
this order by VLNJ)**

...Respondents

PETITION under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 4th respondent to consider the representation dated 30.4.2025 to conduct the election for electing the Chairman of Board of Trustees and make arrangements for swearing of Trustees for Arulmigu Thaanthoondreswarar Temple within the time limit to be stipulated by this Court.

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| For Petitioner | : | Mr.S.Selvakumar                |
| For R1 to R4   | : | Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, SGP   |
| For R5         | : | Mr.V.Meganathan, GA (Crl.Side) |

### ORDER

The petitioner seeks for a direction to the fourth respondent to consider his representation dated 30.4.2025 to conduct the election to the post of Chairman of Board of Trustees for Arulmighu Thaanthoondreswarar Temple, Pelur, Vazhappadi Taluk, Salem District.



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2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader accepting notice for respondents 1 to 4.

3. When the matter is taken up for admission, the learned Special Government Pleader representing respondents 1 to 4 submits that the third respondent is ready to conduct the election within three weeks if police protection is afforded to him. The said submission is recorded.

4. Hence, ***the Superintendent of Police, Salem District is suo motu impleaded as the fifth respondent in this writ petition and on his behalf, Mr.V.Meganathan, learned Government Advocate accepts notice.***

5. Considering the facts, there shall be a direction to the fifth respondent to afford police protection to the third respondent to conduct the election to the post of Chairman, Board of Trustees of Arulmighu Thaanthoondreswarar Temple, Pelur, Vazhappadi Taluk, Salem District.



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6. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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