



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-05-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 18471 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 20701 OF 2025, WMP NO. 20703 OF 2025, WMP NO. 20708 OF 2025

Mr.R.M.Saravanan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable
Endowment Department,
119, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034

2.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable
Endowment Department,
Riverside Street, Cuddalore 607001

3.The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable
Endowment Department,
Cuddalore 607001

4.The Executive Officer,
A/m. Rajagopalasami Thirukkcoil,
Pudupalayam, Cuddalore 607001



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Respondent(s)

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PRAYER

call for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the 2nd Respondent in Se.Mu.Na.Ka.9977/2023/A dated 20.12.2024 and Quash the same as illegal and consequentially direct the respondent not to take any further coercive action until the disposal of the revision petition in R.P.No.117 of 2025 pending before the 1st Respondent and pass

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Anto Prince

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthikeyan GA (HR&CE)

ORDER

This writ petition is filed challenging the order of the 2nd respondent in Se.Mu.Na.Ka.9977/2023/A, dated 20.12.2024, and to direct the respondents not to take any coercive action till the disposal of the revision petition in R.P.No.117 of 2025 pending before the 1st respondent.

2. The petitioner has suffered an order under Section 78 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959. Aggrieved by the same, he has preferred a revision before the 1st respondent in R.P.No.117 of



2025. In the meantime, as there was no order of stay granted by the revisional authority, the impugned order came to be passed.

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3. The petitioner states that he is running a medical shop in the premises.

When the matter came up for admission, Mr.K.Karthikeyan, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents, states that the arrears as on today is Rs.43,46,300/-. He also pointed out that the premises has been sealed as no order of stay has been granted by the 1st respondent.

4. I have carefully heard the submissions of learned counsel on either side and gone through the records.

5. If possession is taken pending the revision, the very purpose for moving the 1st respondent is also rendered infructuous. At the same time, the interest of the religious institution has to be balanced. In the light of the above, I pass the following directions :

(1)The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.21,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty



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One Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only) within a period of four weeks from today.

(2) On such deposit, the premises shall be de-sealed by the respondents.

Thereafter, the 1st respondent shall dispose of the revision within a period of four months.

6. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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