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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 23.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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S.K.Velmurugan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department

Having office at 119, Mahatma Gandhi Road

Nungambakkam, Chennai

Tamil Nadu 600 034

2.The Joint Commissioner

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department

Commercial Tax Building

Dr.Balasundaram Salai

Coimbatore 641 018

(R2 deleted by Court *vide* order dt.23.06.2025)

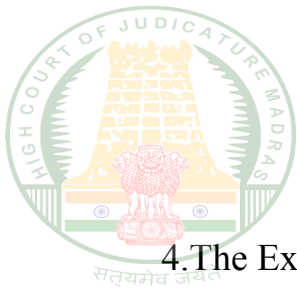
3.The Assistant Commissioner

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department

2nd Floor, Munnaal Padaiveerargal Maligai

Gandhiji Road, Erode

(Address of R3 replaced by Court *vide* order dt.23.06.2025)



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4.The Executive Officer

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department

Bhavani Eswaran Temple, Sathyamangalam Taluk

Erode

5.O.M.Subramaniam

.. Respondents

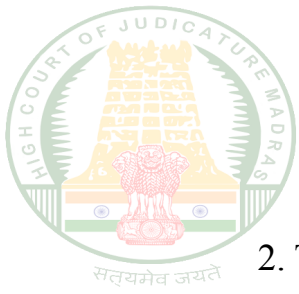
Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to take appropriate action to stop the illegal construction in the temple and to retrieve the original structure of the temple to facilitate the performance of the Thiruther ritual during the new moon day (amavasya) of every month.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.V.Suresh Kumar
for M/s.TSK Legal

For RR1 to 4 : Mr.K.Karthikeyan
Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to act on the representation made by the petitioner on 16.06.2025, wherein the petitioner has complained that the 5th respondent is constructing a wall in the property belonging to the temple.



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2. The Joint Commissioner who does not have jurisdiction has been added as 2nd respondent and hence, the 2nd respondent is deleted from the array of parties. Instead of the present 3rd respondent, The Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, 2nd Floor, Munnaal Padaiveerargal Maligai, Gandhiji Road, Erode, is replaced as 3rd respondent.

3 . Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate, appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 to 4 and perused the materials placed on record.

4. The case of the petitioner is that he is the hereditary priest of Arulmigu Maasana Badhrakali Amman Temple. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 5th respondent is attempting to construct a four foot wall inside the temple and thereby, preventing the Thiruther ritual from being conducted during every amavasya day. Immediately, a representation dated 16.16.2025 was sent to the



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respondents 1 to 4. Since the same did not evoke any response, the present writ

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petition has been filed.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that the temple is presently under the administration and control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, there shall be a direction to the 3rd respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 16.06.2025 and take immediate action to ensure that no construction is put up in the property belonging to the temple.

This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

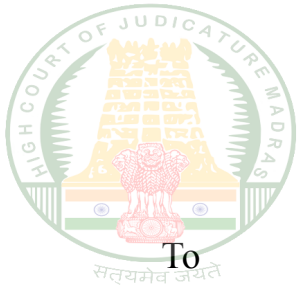
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