



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-06-2025

WEB COPY

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 24207 of 2021

AND

WMP NO. 25532 OF 2021

1. N.Elumalai

S/o.Natesan, No.64, M.O.H.Road,
Kurunji Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry-
605 008

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Union Territory of Puducherry
Rep by its Secretary, Department of
Hindu Religious Institution and Waqf,
Goubert Avenue, Beach Road, White
Town, Puducherry-605 001

2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious Institutions, 3rd Floor,
Collectorate Complex, Vazhudavur
Road, Pettaiyanchathiram, Puducherry-
605 009

3.Kurinji Nagar Hindu Religious
Narpani Mandram
Rep By Its President, Sri Valampuri



Gnana Vinayagar Temple, Kurunji
Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry-605 008

WEB 4.Sri Valampuri Gnana Vinayagar

Temple
Kurunji Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry-
605 008

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st and 2nd respondent to pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 17.4.2021 and reminder dated 23.4.2021 by constituting a Board of Trustees as contemplated under Section 4(1) of the Pondicherry Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1972 for Proper administration of the 4th respondent Temple and to take control and custody of the said temple from the 3rd respondent private association within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.S.Vivekmani
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Sreedhar
Additional Government Pleader
(Pondy) for R1 and R2
Mr.U.Karunakaran
for R3 and R4

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents 1



and 2 to pass orders on the representation made by the petitioner on 17.04.2021 wherein the petitioner is seeking for constituting Board of Trustees as contemplated under Section 4(1) of the Pondicherry Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1972 for proper administration of the 4th respondent temple.

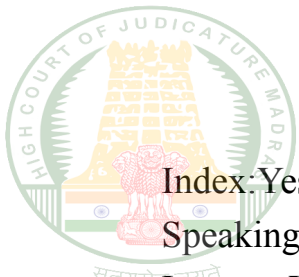
2. Heard MR.G.S.Vivekmani, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.R.Sreedhar, learned Additional Government Pleader (Pondy) for respondents 1 and 2 and Mr.U.Karunakaran, learned counsel for respondents 3 and 4.

3. Section 4(1) of the Act, has already been struck down by the Division Bench of this Court in WA No.1344 to 1347 of 1986 by judgement dated 03.04.2001. Thereafter, a Government Order came to be passed on 14.07.2023 by the Government of Puducherry and this Government Order was put to challenge before this Court and the Government Order has been stayed.

4. In view of the above, the relief as sought for by the petitioner cannot be granted by this Court and accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

10-06-2025

rka



Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1.The Union Territory of Puducherry
Rep by its Secretary, Department of
Hindu Religious Institution and Waqf,
Goubert Avenue, Beach Road, White
Town, Puducherry-605 001

2.The Commissioner

Hindu Religious Institutions, 3rd Floor,
Collectorate Complex, Vazhudavur
Road, Pettaiyanchathiram, Puducherry-
605 009

3.Kurinji Nagar Hindu Religious

Narpani Mandram

Rep By Its President, Sri Valampuri
Gnana Vinayagar Temple, Kurunji
Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry-605 008

4.Sri Valampuri Gnana Vinayagar

Temple

Kurunji Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry-
605 008



WEB COPY

WP No. 24207 of 2021





WEB COPY

WP No. 24207 of 2021



N.ANAND VENKATESH J.

rka

**WP No. 24207 of 2021
WMP NO. 25532 OF
2021**

10-06-2025