



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-07-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 26984 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 30287 OF 2025, WMP NO. 30285 OF 2025

R.Duraisamy

Petitioner(s)

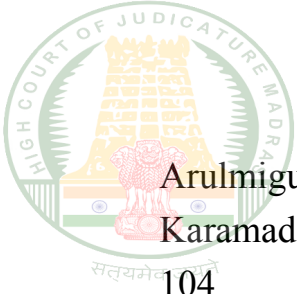
Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department, Secretariat
Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner
HR and CE Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034.

3.The Joint Commissioner
HR and CE Department, Coimbatore
Region, Coimbatore 641 018.

4.The Executive Officer



Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple,
Karamadai, Coimbatore District 641

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5.M.M.Ramaswamy

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

calling for the records relating to G.O.No.246 dated 13.10.2023 issued by the 1st respondent appointing 5th respondent as non-hereditary trustee of Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple, Karamadai, Coimbatore District and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and vitiated by suppression of material facts and violation of statutory provisions.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Ganesh Babu

For Respondent(s): Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, SGP
For R1 to R4

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned G.O.No.246, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department dated 13.10.2023 issued by the 1st respondent appointing the 5th respondent as a non-hereditary Trustee of Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple, Karamadai, Coimbatore District.



2. Heard Mr.R.Ganesh Babu, learned counsel for the petitioner and

Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, learned Special Government Pleader appearing on

behalf of the respondents 1 to 4.

3. Even though various grounds have been raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner questioning the appointment of the 5th respondent, it is seen that the impugned Government order was issued on 13.10.2023 and there is absolutely no explanation in the affidavit as why it took such a long time for the petitioner to approach this Court. In any event, the period is coming to an end on 13.10.2025. Therefore, at this stage, no useful purpose will be served in keeping this writ petition pending since by the time the writ petition is taken up for final hearing, the writ petition itself will become infructuous. Therefore considering laches, this Court is not inclined to exercise its discretion.



4. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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