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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.09.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

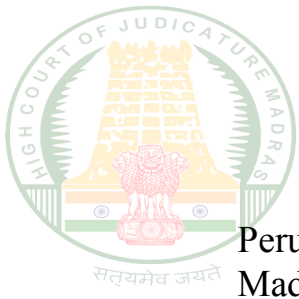
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T.R.Dhamodhara Perumal

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Thousand Lights West Road,
Chennai – 600 034.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
No.68, E.V.K. Sampath Maaligai,
9th Floor, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.
- 3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
No.68, E.V.K. Sampath Maaligai,
9th Floor, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.
- 4.The Executive Officer (Grade II),
No.5, South Mada Veethi,
Choolai, Chennai – 600 112.
- 5.Subramani,
Head, Stage Security Committee,
Sri Kailasanathar Sivan Temple Office,



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Perumal Kovil Street, Natesan Nagar,
Madhavaram,
Chennai – 600 060.

6.Sundarrajan,
Head, Stage Security Committee,
Sri Karivartharaja Perumal Temple Office,
Perumal Koil Street, Natesan Nagar,
Madhavaram,
Chennai – 600 060.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to forthwith initiate and complete proceedings for the removal of encroachments from the temple lands comprised in Survey Nos.961 and 962, measuring in total 1 acre and 15 cents belonging to Sri Karivartharaja Perumal Temple and Sri Kailasanathar Sivan Temple and to restore possession of the said lands to the temple administration, by taking appropriate action in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Manickam

For Respondents : Mr.S.Ravichandran
Additional Government Pleader
[R1 to R4]
Notice dispensed with [R5 & R6]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to forthwith initiate and complete proceedings for the removal of encroachments from the temple lands comprised in Survey Nos.961 and 962, measuring in total 1



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acre and 15 cents belonging to Sri Karivartharaja Perumal Temple and Sri Kailasanathar Sivan Temple and to restore possession of the said lands to the temple administration, by taking appropriate action in accordance with law.

2. Since no adverse order has been passed against the respondents 5 and 6, notice to the respondents 5 and 6 is dispensed with.

3. Mr.S.Ravichandran, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 1 to 4. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel for the parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4. The case of the petitioner is that he is a devotee of the Sri Karivartharaja Perumal Temple and Sri Kailasanathar Sivan Temple. The temple lands comprised in Survey Nos.961 and 962, measuring to an extent of 1 acre and 15 cents belonging to the said temple were encroached by private individuals. In order to restore the possession of the said lands to the temple administration, the petitioner made several representations before the official respondents and other authorities. Till



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date, no action has been taken by the respondent-HR & CE Department.

Therefore, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition before this Court for appropriate orders.

5. Though very many grounds have been raised in this writ petition, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, it would suffice, if this Court, issues a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 to initiate and complete proceedings for the removal of encroachments from the temple lands comprised in Survey Nos.961 and 962 belonging to the said temples and to restore possession of the said lands to the temple administration, by taking appropriate action in accordance with law, within a time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

6. In view of the limited request sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents 1 to 4 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 14.08.2025, on merits and in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, if not already disposed of.



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costs.

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Index : Yes / No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation Case : Yes / No

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