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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.B.BALAJI

W.P.No.41327 of 2025

Mr.N.A.Datchinamoorthy
S/o. Ammasai Gounder
No.12, Muthusamy Road
Thazhaikombu Pudur
Kugalur Post,
Gobichettipalayam Taluk
Erode District – 638 313.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 034.
2. The Joint Commissioner
9/2, Jeevanantham Nagar
Karur Bypass Road
Erode – 638 002.
3. The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Jawans Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Gandhiji Road,
Erode – 638 001.
4. The Sub Collector
Office of the Sub Collector
Gobichettipalayam
Erode District – 638 452.
5. The Board of Trustees



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A/m. Maakaliamman Temple
Kugalur Village
Thazhai Kombu Pudur,
Gobichettipalayam Taluk
Erode District – 638 313.

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Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the third respondent to consider the representation dated 06.10.2025 and to dispose the same in time bound manner.

For Petitioner : Ms. V.S.Usharani

For Respondents : Mr. S.Ravichandran
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

Mr. S.Ravichandran, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents.

2. The petitioner claims to be a devotee of A/m. Maakaliamman Temple at Kugalur Village, Thazhaikombu Pudur, Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Erode District. The said temple is a non-listed temple. According to the petitioner, the said temple has been renovated with the contribution from devotees and Kumbabhishekam is yet to be performed.



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3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the Board of Trustees had a proposal to celebrate Pongal festival without completion of renovation or repair or consecration of any deity, the ceremony of Kumbabhishekam, which is against the settled customary practice.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that in this regard, a representation has been given to the third respondent /Assistant Commissioner to decide the issue.

5. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that the representation dated 06.10.2025 will be considered and disposed of on merits after giving an opportunity to the petitioner.

6. In the light of the above, this Writ Petition stands disposed of directing the third respondent / Assistant Commissioner to enquire into the petitioner's representation dated 06.10.2025 after giving opportunity to the petitioner by way of personal hearing and pass final orders within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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