



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No.50407 of 2025

Mr.P.Palaniappan
S/o Perumalgounder
Trustee, Shri Bhramalingeshwar Temple
No.138, West street, Kokkarayanpettai
Namakkal 638 007

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department
Uttamar Gandhi Salai
Chennai 600 034

2.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department
Chellapandian Street,
Namakkal District 637 001

Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to accord permission for taking the idols of A/M Thillai Natarajar, A/M Sivagami and the associate deities from A/M Thiru Thondeeshwarar Mutt, Kottai, Erode to the A/M Shri Bhramalingeshwar Temple, Namakkal for performing the Thiruvadharai event on 2nd and 3rd of January 2026 based on the representation dated 20.12.2025.

For Petitioner:

Mr.A.Mohamed Ismail



For Respondents: Mr.K.Karthikeyan
Government Advocate (HR&CE)

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ORDER

The petitioner is the trustee of Arulmighu Shri Brahmmlingeswarar Temple, Kokkarayanpettai, Kumaranpalayam, Namakkal District. He pleads that for the ensuing திருவாதிசை event, the villagers and the trustees have resolved to take the following உற்சவர் idols, namely, (i) Arulmighu Thillai Natarajar, (ii) Arulmighu Sivagami and other associate deities from the Thondeeshwarar Mutt, Kottai, Erode and place them for worship at Arulmighu Brahmmlingeswarar Temple. He states that though the trustees have taken a decision, the H.R. & C.E. Department is yet to give their formal approval, consequently he is before this Court.

2. I heard Mr.A.Mohamed Ismail for the petitioner and Mr.K.Karthikeyan, learned Government Advocate for the H.R. & C.E.

3. After narrating the facts, Mr.Ismail pleaded that திருவாதிசை is to be celebrated on 2nd and 3rd of January, 2026 and in order to enable the villagers and other devotees to offer their worship to Arulmighu Natarajar, the trustees decided to take the உற்சவர் idols from Thondeeshwarar Mutt and place them in the Arulmighu Brahmmlingeswarar Temple. He pleads that this was



necessitated, since there is no உற்சவர் idol of Arulmighu Natarajar or Arulmighu Sivagami in the temple. He states that the Managers of Thondeeshwarar Mutt have agreed to the proposal made by the trustees of Arulmighu Brahmalingeshwarar Temple and have stated that they will give the idols for two days, namely, 2nd and 3rd January, 2026.

4. Mr.Karthikeyan states that the Thondeeshwarar Mutt is not under the control of H.R. & C.E and therefore the issue of H.R. & C.E granting permission for taking the idols from the mutt and placing them in the Arulmighu Brahmalingeshwarar Temple does not arise at all. He further states that the Department is not in a position to afford security for the idols brought by the petitioner and it is upto the petitioner to workout the necessary security arrangements.

5. I have carefully considered the submissions of both sides and gone through the records.

6. As rightly submitted by Mr.Karthikeyan, the H.R. & C.E Department cannot give a direction to the Mutt to handover their idols to the petitioner for the purpose of display and worship in a listed temple. The control of the property and assets of the Mutt are with the Madathipathi or the Manager appointed to that effect. If the Mutt is willing to handover the idols for the



purpose of display and worship on 2nd and 3rd of January, 2026, the petitioner may do so at his own risk. The H.R. & C.E Department will not be responsible in any way for the உற்சவர் idols which are brought by the petitioner for placement in the temple.

7. The writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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