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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 11.08.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN**

W.P.(MD).No.2079 of 2019
and
W.M.P.(MD).Nos.1676 and 1677 of 2019

Periyanambi Narasimha Gopalan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Tahsildar,
Ambasamudram,
Tirunelveli District.
- 2.The Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 3.The Secretary to Government,
Tourism, Culture and Religious
Endowments Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 4.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.



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5. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable
Endowment Department, Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent No.1 to disburse the Tasdik Allowance to the six temples (1) Arulmigu Kasinathaswamy Vagaiyara Thirukoil, Ambasamudram, (2) Arulmigu Sri Rajagopalaswamy Kulasekar Aalwar Thirukoil, Mannar Kovil, (3) Arulmigu Narasingaperumal Thirukoil, Pallakaal, (4) Arulmigu Naarumbunatha Swamy Thirukoil, Thirupudaimarudur, (5) Arulmigu Gajendravaradar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur, (6) Arulmigu Moonriswaramudaiyar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur for the period upto 2012-13; and Respondent No.5 to disburse the Tasdik Allowance payable upto 2018 to Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul

For Respondents : Mr.P.Subbaraj

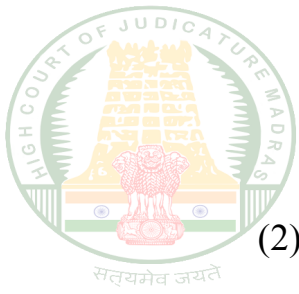
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.)

The relief sought for in the present Writ Petition is to direct the first respondent to disburse the Tasdik Allowance to the six temples, namely,

(1) Arulmigu Kasinathaswamy Vagaiyara Thirukoil, Ambasamudram,



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(2) Arulmigu Sri Rajagopalaswamy Kulasekar Aalwar Thirukoil, Mannar

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Kovil,

(3) Arulmigu Narasingaperumal Thirukoil, Pallakaal,

(4) Arulmigu Naarumbunatha Swamy Thirukoil, Thirupudaimarudur,

(5) Arulmigu Gajendravaradar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur and

(6) Arulmigu Moonriswaramudaiyar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur,

for the period upto 2012-13; and the fifth respondent to disburse the Tasdik Allowance payable upto 2018 to Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, relying on the counter affidavit filed by the fifth respondent/Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Tirunelveli, would submit that the Tasdik allowance had already been settled in favour of the temples. The details regarding payment are narrated in paragraphs 4 to 8, which reads as under:

It is submitted that the above writ petition was filed by the petitioner in the year 2019. In his affidavit it was stated that the following amounts are due to the concerned temples.



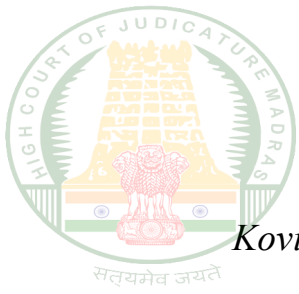
S.No.	Name of the temple (Arulmigu)	Amount due (Rs.)
1.	Arulmigu Kasinathaswamy Vagaiyara Thirukoil, Ambasamudram	87,553.00
2.	Arulmigu Sri Rajagopalaswamy Kulasekara Aalwar Thirukovil, Mannar Kovil	65,354.37
3.	Arulmigu Narasingaperumal Thirukoil, Pallakaal	5,787.60
4.	Arulmigu Naarumbunatha Swamy Thirukoil, Thirupudaimarudur	1,34,788.00
5.	Arulmigu Gajendravaradar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur	51,065.66
6.	Arulmigu Moonriswaramudalyar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur	36,521.15

5. In this connection it is submitted that among the above said temples, the following amounts were directly credited into the accounts of the following temples. Along with the amounts due to the following temples, the amounts due to the sub temple/Kattalai/Mandagapadi/Maniyam attached to the following temples were also credited into the accounts of the concerned temples.

(a) Arulmigu Kasinathaswamy Temple received its part of Beritz allowance for a period of Fasili 1417-1425 according to the below said four kinds of heading. They are

(i) In the name of Arulmigu Kasinathasamy Kovil Rs. 3,28,982.40.

(ii) In the name of Arulmigu Thirumoolanathasamy Kovil (Which comes under the sub temple of Arulmigu Kasinathasamy



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Kovil) - Rs.46,764.00.

(iii) *In the name of Arulmigu Kasinathasamy devasahayam dharmathayam - Rs.4,582.80/-*

(iv) *In the name of Arulmigu Thirumoolanathasamy Group Temple (Which comes under the sub-temple of Arulmigu Kasinathasamy Kovil) – Rs.37,702.80/-.*

So totally an amount of Rs.4,18,032/- was credited directly into the account of Arulmigu Kasinathasamy Temple on 28.11.2019.

(b) *Arulmigu Rajagopala Kulasekara Alwar Thirukoil.*
Mannarkoil received its part of Beritz allowance for a period of Fasili 1417-1425 according to the below said six kinds of heading. They are

(i) *In the name of Mannarkovil Arulmigu Alwar Temple Rajagopalakulasekara Rs.70,216.20.*

(ii) *In the name of Arulmigu Kulasekara Alwar kovil Group Temple Rs.58,035.60.*

(iii) *In the name of Arulmigu Kulasekara Alwar kovil Pitchai Kattalai Rs. 19,148.40.*

(iv) *In the name of Arulmigu Kulasekara Alwar kovil Chithirai Thirunaal Mandagappadi Rs.12,981.60.*

(v) *In the name of Arulmigu Kulasekara Alwar oor Maniayam Rs.5,558.40.*

(vi) *In the name of Arulmigu Kulasekara Alwar Nanthavanam Rs. 2,361.60.*

So totally an amount of Rs.1,68,301.80/- was credited directly into the account of the Arulmigu Rajagopalakulasekara Alwar Temple on 28.11.2019.



(c) Arulmigu Moonreeswaramudaiyar Thirukoil,

Athalanallur received its part of Tasdik allowance of Rs.47,190/- and a sum of Rs.36,093/- was credited directly into the account of the Temple on 24.07.2019 & 29.11.2019 respectively.

6. It is further submitted the Executive Officers of Arulmigu Narasingaperumal Temple, Pallakkal, Arulmigu Naarumbunatha Swamy Thirukoil, Thirupudaimarudur, Arulmigu Gajendravaradar Thirukoil, Atthalanallur, have submitted their rectified demand request to the Assistant Commissioner, HR & CE Department, Tirunelveli for payment of Tasdik allowance due to their temple has been verified with the connected temple records and bank accounts for sanction of the amounts to the said temples the report has been forwarded to Commissioner HR & CE Department, Chennai on 02.09.2021 and also been forwarded on 24.06.2025 by Assistant Commissioner, H.R & C.E Department, Tirunelveli.

7. It is further submitted that in Tirunelveli District nearly 579 temples have received Tasdik, Beritz and Mohini allowances as follows:

S.No.	Type of Allowances	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Tasdik	2,35,32,070.61
2.	Beritz	67,43,399.67
3.	Mohini	3,83,085.83
	Total	3,06,58,556.11

The above said amount has been disbursed by the Commissioner, HR&CE Department through the Assistant Commissioner, HR&CE Department, Tirunelveli.



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8. *For the foregoing submissions, it is submitted that, necessary follow up action have been taken by this Respondent Department and above mentioned amounts were received by the temples as detailed supra. Further necessary follow up action were taken by the Assistant Commissioner, HR&CE Department, Tirunelveli in respect of remaining three temples.”*

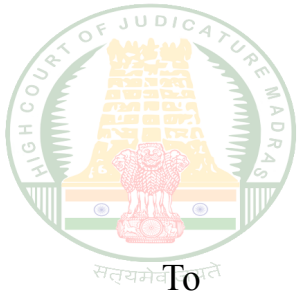
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the amount in entirety is yet to be settled.

4. If there is any calculation error or pending dues, the petitioner is at liberty to submit further representation to the authorities.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (G.A.M.,J.)
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