



W.P.(MD)No.2490 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 25.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner in person

-VS-

- 1.The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary to Government,
Home Department
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Secretary to Government,
Tourism Culture & Endowments Department
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
- 4.The Commissioner of Land Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.
- 5.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
No.119, Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai – 600 034.
- 6.The District Collector,
Madurai.



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7.The Taluk Executive Magistrate cum Tahsildar,
Mellur Taluk, Madurai.

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8.The Inspector General of Police,
South Zone,
Madurai.

9.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai.

10.The Regional Deputy Director of Survey,
Madurai.

11.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments,
Madurai.

12.The Deputy Director of Fire & Rescue Services,
Madurai.

13.The Deputy Inspector General of Registration,
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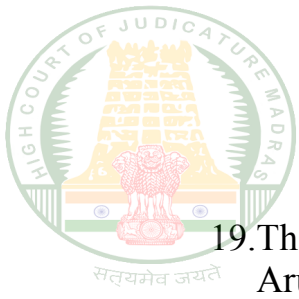
14.The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Madurai.

15.The Regional Assistant Director of Archeology,
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16.The Chief Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation and Distribution Corporation,
Madurai.

17.The Assistant Director of Panchayats,
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18.The Corporation Commissioner,
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19. The Deputy Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kallalagar Temple,
Madurai.

20. Periyambadi Narasimha Gopalan

... Respondents

(R20 is impleaded vide court order dated 18.03.2019 in WMP(MD).No. 5105 of 2019)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.11.2018 and thereby take appropriate steps to secure and safeguard the properties of 19th respondent temple and ensure the infrastructures and other amenities in and around the 18th respondent temple which are morefully mentioned in the petitioner's representation and in the minutes of joined meeting held by the respondents dated 12.12.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Radhakrishnan

For R1 to R7,
R10 to 15 and 17 : Mr.A.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader

For R16 : Mr.S.Deenadayalan

For R20 : Mr.K.Gokul

For R18 : Mr.F.Deepak

For R19 : Mr.V.Chandrasekar

For R8 & R9 : Mr.T.Senthilkumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The writ of mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.11.2018. The Joint



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Commissioner of Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department

filed a counter statement showing action taken report which reveals that certain works have already been undertaken and further actions are initiated for removal of encroachments.

2. It is needless to state that the Competent Authorities under the Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 is bound to protect the temple properties and utilize the same for the benefit of the temple under (HR & CE) Act. Since, the petitioner has raised several complaints, the respondents are directed to look into the nature of allegations and initiate appropriate actions to protect the property which belongs to the temple and deal with the same in accordance with the provisions of the Acts and Rules.

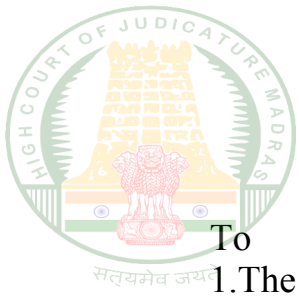
3. With the above observations and directions, this writ petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(S.M.S., J.)

(A.D.M.C., J.)

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