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W.P(MD)No.2822 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.06.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.K.R.SHRIRAM, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

**W.P(MD) No.2822 of 2019
and
WMP(MD)No.2144 of 2019**

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... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Secretary,
Department of Tourism and Culture,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-9.
2. The Superintendent of Archaeology,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Chennai Circle, Fort St.George,
Chennai-9.
3. The Senior Consultant,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Mahal Building, Sivan Kovil Street,
Thirumayam,

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Pudukkottai District-622 507.

4. The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Madurai District.
5. The General Manager,
Southern Railway,
1st Floor, NGO Campus,
Park Town,
Chennai-3.
6. The Chief Engineer,
O/o. the Chief Engineer,
Bridge and Maintenance,
Southern Railway,
Chennai-600 033.
7. The Additional Divisional Railway Manager,
O/o. the Additional Divisional Railway Manager,
Madurai Railway Station,
Madurai City-1.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondent Nos.1 to 4 to declare Sri Veyilukantha Amman Kovil situated at shore Thenkal Kanmai North Side of Thiruparankundram Kovil, Madurai District as Ancient Monument Temple and consequently to protect the ancient temple from demolish and damage for

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laying Railway Road by the Respondent Nos.5 to 7 within the time stipulated by this Honble Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.I.Pinaygash

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar, Government Pleader
for R1 and R4
Mr.K.Govindarajan
Deputy Solicitor General of India
for R2, R3, R5 to R7

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble CHIEF JUSTICE]

The prayer as sought cannot be granted. It is for the respondent No.2 to examine the matter. The learned Deputy Solicitor General states that this petition itself will be treated as a representation and Archaeological Survey of India will take steps in accordance with the rules. However, we hasten to add that this would not mean that they give an assurance that the temple will be treated as an Ancient Monument. That will depend on the inspection and the applicable rules and regulations.

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2. Petition is disposed of. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[K.R.SHRIRAM., C.J.]

[S.SRIMATHY, J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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