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W.P.(MD)NO.16296 OF 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 24.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.16296 of 2025 AND

W.M.P.(MD)No.12375 of 2025

1. AL.AR.RM.N.AR.Narayanan
2. VR.Chidambaram
3. RM.Alagappan
4. S.Petha Perumal
5. L.Petha Perumal

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Sivagangai.
2. The Inspector,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Devakottai, Sivagangai.
3. Sri Silambani Chidambara Vinayagar Temple,
Rep. by its Chairman of Board of Trustees,
Devakottai, Sivagangai.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to approve the hereditary trustees for the period 2025-2027 in terms of Section 63(b) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 06.02.2025 and 28.03.2025 within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.



For Petitioners : Mr.V.Nirmal Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.P.Subbaraj,
Special Government Pleader
for R-1&R-2.

Mr.RM.Arun Swaminathan for R-3.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The writ petitioners claim that their turn to function as trustees of the third respondent temple has arrived. In this regard, they have given the petition-mentioned representations.

3. The first respondent is directed to look into the writ petitioner's representations, hold a summary enquiry and hear Thiru.VR.L.L.CT.L.Balachandran, S/o.Lakshmanan Chettiyar, Chidambara Vilas, No.1, AL.AR. Arch, Devakottai before passing final order. This exercise shall be completed by the first respondent within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of



this order. The first respondent will bear in mind the terms of scheme governing the administration of the temple. I make it clear that I have not gone into the merits of the matter. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

24.10.2025

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No
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To:

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