



W.P.(MD)No.17950 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 02.12.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN**

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Aran Pani Arakattalai,
Represented through its Secretary,
Siva A.Thiyagarasan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Chief Secretary,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary,
Dept. of Tourism,
Culture and Religious Endowments,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
3. The Commissioner,
The Hindu Religious and Endowment Board,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungampakam,
Chennai-600 034.



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4. The Commissioner,
Department of Archaeology,
Tamil Valarchi Valaagam,
Thamizh Salai,
Egmore Chennai-600 008.
5. The Commissioner,
Office of the Commissioner of
Archives and Historical Research,
Office No.50/51 Gandhi Irwin Road,
Egmore Chennai-600 008.
6. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment,
Kumbakonam Thanjavur.
7. The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kailasanathar Temple,
Udayalur Vilalge (Functioning at Patteeswaram),
Kumbakonam Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant permission to petitioner organization to construct the monumental and architectural structure for the great King Rajaraja Chozhan, at his burial place situated in survey Nos.70/5, 70/6, and 71/1 in Udayalur Village in Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District, without any financial commitment of the respondents.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Gurusamy



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For Respondents : R1 deleted by this Court on 08.12.2020

Mr.K.P.Narayana Kumar,
Special Government Pleader
for R2, R3 & R6

Mr.M.Muthugeethaiyan
Special Government Pleader for R4 & R5

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.**)

One Aran Pani Arakattalai, claiming to be a Village Association involved in literary and spiritual service, believes that the Chola King, Rajarajan, was buried at Udayalur, Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District and with their own funds, they wanted to construct a monument in that place.

2. The seventh respondent / Executive Officer of Arulmigu Kailasanthar Temple, Udayalur Village, Kumbakonam Taluk, states that Survey Nos.70/5, 70/6 and 71/1 in Udayalur Village, Kumbakonam Taluk, belongs to the Temple. It is leased out to a cultivating tenant and agricultural activities are going on in that field. There is a Sivalingam in that field, but, there is no historical or scientific evidence to show that the late King, Rajarajan, was buried in the said place, except some literature references.



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3. This Court, on perusing the pleadings, find that the belief of the petitioner Association has no scientific basis. In the said circumstances, the prayer sought for in this writ petition cannot be entertained. If in future, there is any material to show that late Chola King Rajarajan was buried in a particular place and the Government, at that point of time, take a policy decision, that a monument should be erected for the late King Rajarajan. It is for the Government to take up the appropriate policy decision and a judicial order cannot be passed in this matter.

4. Hence, this writ petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[G.J., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
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Internet :Yes

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