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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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S.Shanmugam

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The State
rep.by the Principal Secretary
The Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious
and Charitable Endowments Department
State of Tamil Nadu
St.George Fort, Chennai
- 2.The Commissioner
Office of the Commissioner
The Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and
Charitable Endowments Department
Chennai
- 3.The District Collector
Office of the District Collector
Pudukottai District
- 4.The Assistant Commissioner



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Office of the Assistant Commissioner
The Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and
Charitable Endowments Department
Thirumanacheri
Karambakudi Taluk
Pudukottai District

5.The Block Development Officer
Office of the Block Development Officer
Karambakudi Block
Pudukottai District

6.The Tasildar
Karambakudi Taluk
Pudukottai District

7.The Superintendent of Police
Office of the Superintendent of Police
Pudukottai District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue
a writ of mandamus:

- a. to direct the Respondent No.1 to 6 to restart the
"Anadhanam" scheme to the "Arulmigu Sugandha
Parimaleshwarar Thirukkivil." Thirumananjeri,
Karambakudi Taluk, Pudukottai District within the time
stipulated by this Court.



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- b. to direct the Respondent No.1 to 6 to construct devotees waiting hall, to renovate the entrance arch, repair the compound wall, and to renovate the Vaira Ther (Diamond Chariot) in the "Arulmigu Sugandha Parimalleshwarar Thirukkovi." Thirumananjeri, Karambakudi Taluk, Pudukottai District within the time stipulated by this Court.
- c. to direct the Respondents No.1 to 6 to provide drinking water supply and sanitary arrangement, toilet facilities, parking facility, electricity connection and Street light, frequent public transport facilities for the benefit of the devotees of "Arulmigu Sugandha Parimalleshwarar Thirukkovil," Thirumananjeri, Karambakudi Taluk, Pudukottai District within the time stipulated by this Court.
- d. to direct the respondent No.1 to 6 to deepen and remove the bushes and Proposis Juliflora in the holy tank of Arulmigu Sugandha Parimalleshwarar Thirukkovil.
- e. to direct the Respondent No.7 to establish a 'police out post' near "Arulmigu Sugandha Parimalleshwarar Thirukkovil," Thirumananjeri, Karambakudi Taluk, Pudukottai District



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within the time stipulated by this Court and pass such further or other order as this Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case in the interest of justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1, R3, R5 & R6
Mr.P.Subbaraj
Special Government Pleader for R2 & R4
Mr.S.Ravi
Additional Public Prosecutor for R7

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1, 3, 5 & 6, produced a copy of the letter received by him from the Assistant Commissioner, H.R. & C.E.Department, Pudukottai, dated 03.07.2025, stating that Annathanam Scheme is in force in the subject temple and actions are initiated for renovation of the subject temple.

2. Since the grievances of the petitioner have been addressed and



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actions are initiated to renovate the subject temple in all respects, the competent authorities are directed to ensure that the subject temple and its properties are protected and the Annathanam Scheme in force is being continued. The renovation works are directed to be completed as expeditiously as possible.

3. With the above observation, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[S.M.S., J.]

[S.S.Y., J.]

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

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