



W.P.(MD).No.18442 of 2018

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 17.06.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

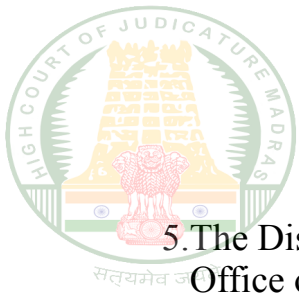
W.P.(MD).No.18442 of 2018
and
W.M.P.(MD).Nos.16345 and 16346 of 2018

A.Magudeswaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort.St.George,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort.St.George,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Director General of Archeological Department,
Office of the Director General,
No.24, Tilak Marg,
New Delhi.
- 4.The Commissioner of Town and Country Planning,
Office of the Commissioner of Town and County Planning,
Chennai – 600 002.



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5. The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Trichy.

6. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Chennai – 600 034.

7. The Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Srirangam,
Trichy – 620 006.

8. The Commissioner,
Tiruchirapalli Municipal Corporation,
Trichy.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the buildings around the “Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple”, Srirangam, Trichy, which were built or being built in violation to the G.O.Ms.22 of 1997 dated 30.01.1997 of the 1st respondent and consequently direct the respondents to act diligently in strictly implementing the G.O.Ms.22 of 1997 dated 30.01.1997 of the 1st respondent in future.

For Petitioner	: Mr.P.Manonmani
For R-1, R-2 & R-4 to R-6	: Mr.P.Thilak Kumar Government Pleader
For R-3	: No appearance
For R-7	: Mr.P.Vinoth
For R-8	: Mr.K.R.Kishore Ram for M/s.R.B.Law Associates



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ORDER

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

The Writ of Mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents to remove the buildings around the “Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple”, Srirangam, Trichy, which were built or being built in violation to the G.O.Ms. 22 of 1997 dated 30.01.1997 of the first respondent and consequently, to direct the respondents to act diligently in strictly implementing the G.O.Ms.22 of 1997 dated 30.01.1997 of the first respondent in future.

2. The learned Government Pleader for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department and the learned counsel for the seventh respondent temple would submit that unauthorized constructions are identified with the assistance of Tiruchirappalli Municipal Corporation and enforcement actions are initiated and notices are issued to the owners/occupiers under the relevant provisions of the Act.

3. It is needless to state that the enforcement actions must be continued and all the unauthorized constructions are to be removed by affording opportunity to the parties and by following the procedures as contemplated



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under law. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of

twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (A.D.M.C.,J.)
17.06.2025

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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