



W.P.(MD) No. 23151 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 26.08.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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S.Selvakumar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai.

2. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Tirunelveli District.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Cheranmahadevi,
Tirunelveli District.

4. The Tahsildar,
Radhapuram Taluk,
Tirunelveli District.

5. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Radhapuram Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.



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6. The Inspector,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Radhapuram.

7. Seelathikulam Reddiyar Samudhayam Thennattu Nangai
Amman Kovil Charitable Trust,
Rep. by its President, Mr.Chandrasekar.

8.V.Ramadoss

9.Chandrasekar.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the second respondent to conduct an enquiry on the show cause notice *vide* Na.Ka.No.367 of 2023 dated 27.07.2023, issued by the sixth respondent.

For petitioner : Mr.A.Ashwinkumar

For respondents : Mr.S.S.Madhavan
Additional Government Pleader for R1 to R4
Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R5

ORDER

This Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the time of admission with the consent of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 4 and the learned Government



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Advocate (Crl.Side) for the fifth respondent and after dispensing with the notice on the private respondents 6 to 9, as no adverse orders are proposed to be passed against them.

2. This Writ Petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the second respondent to conduct an enquiry on the show cause notice *vide* Na.Ka.No.367 of 2023 dated 27.07.2023, issued by the sixth respondent.

3. It is noticed that already a show cause notice has been issued by the Inspector of HR & CE Department on 27.07.2023 bearing reference in Na.Ka.No. 367/2023, whereby based on the petitioner's representation, the said show cause notice has been issued to the private respondents to show cause as to why the subject temple, namely, Thennattu Nangai Amman Temple, located in Radhapuram Village, Tirunelveli District, should not be taken under the control of HR & CE Department.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 4 submits that an enquiry is still pending as on date and submits that proceedings



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will be completed within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is further submitted that the petitioner's representation will also be considered.

5. Meanwhile, it is the case of the petitioner that 'Kodai Festival' is to be held in the said temple between 08.09.2025 and 10.09.2025.

6. It is submitted that since there is a dispute between the petitioner and the persons in control of the temple, namely, private respondents herein, the members from all the communities will not allowed and that members from all the communities be allowed to participate in the 'Kodai Festival' which is to be held between 08.09.2025 and 10.09.2025 after conducting Peace Committee Meeting.

7. Request of the petitioner appears to be reasonable. Therefore, there shall be a direction to the fourth respondent to convene a Peace Committee Meeting between the petitioner and the members from all the communities, who are in control of the Thennattu Nangai Amman Temple, located in Radhapuram Village,



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Tirunelveli District. The Peace Committee Meeting shall be held positively on 01.09.2025 and thereafter, concluded preferably by 04.09.2025.

8. This Writ Petition is disposed of, with the above observations. No costs.

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