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W.P.(MD)NO.29604 OF 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 17.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.29604 of 2025 AND
W.M.P.(MD)Nos.22902 & 22903 of 2025

R.Kannan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 034.
 2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Madurai.
 3. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Madurai.
 4. Arulmigu Thuvaralpathiamman Thirukkivil,
Chockalingapuram,
Melur Taluk, Madurai,
Rep. By its Thakkar / Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kalyana Sundareswarar Thirukovil,
Melur Town and Taluk,
Madurai District.
- ... Respondents



Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the fourth respondent in No.Nil dated 13.10.2025, quash the same in so far as the petitioner is concerned.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.C.Ashok Kumar

For R-1 to R-3 : Mr.G.Suriya Ananth,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R-4 : Mr.S.Manohar

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner came forward to carry out the petition-mentioned work for the fourth respondent temple. The department granted permission vide proceedings dated 20.01.2025. The department proceedings did not stipulate any outer time limit for completing the works.

3. The fit person sent reminder letters to the writ petitioner to complete the works. Now citing the delay in completing the works, the impugned cancellation order has been passed. Before passing the impugned order, the writ petitioner was not served with any show cause notice. It is true that the petitioner will not suffer any civil



consequence. But definitely his reputation is at stake. The right to reputation is also a part of fundamental right.

4. When the department had granted permission to carry out the donor works, it is not open to the Executive Officer of the temple to issue order of cancellation. Thus the impugned order is vulnerable on the ground of lack of jurisdiction also. In this view of the matter, the order impugned in the writ petition is set aside. I do not propose to remand the matter to the file of the fourth respondent. This is because, the petitioner undertakes to complete the donor works within a period of three months from today. The petitioner undertakes not to seek any extension of time.

5. Recording the undertaking of the writ petitioner, this writ petition stands allowed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

17.10.2025

NCS : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No

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**G.R.SWAMINATHAN,J.**

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