



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 1231 of 2026

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..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Endowment Board,
Nagapattinam and District.
2. A/m.Thiyagaraja Swamy Temple,(SCN.124),
Rep.by its Executive Officer,
Thiruvaimoor Village,
Thirukkuvalai Taluk,
Nagapattinam District.
3. S.Yovan

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to initiate proceedings on the representation dated 22.09.2025 given by the petitioner in view of the letter issued by the Commissioner of HR & CE, Chennai - 34 to the first respondent dated 08.10.2025 and consequently to take suitable steps to transfer the land in S.Nos.22/3, 24/1, 26/1, 22/3 which is situated at Thiruvaimoor Village, Thirukkuvalai Taluk, Nagapattinam District.

For Petitioner :

Mr.P.Vijendran

For Respondent 1:

Mr.S.Ravichandran
Additional Government Pleader



ORDER

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The writ petition is filed for a direction to the first respondent to initiate proceedings on the representation dated 22.09.2025 given by the petitioner in view of the letter issued by the Commissioner of HR & CE, Chennai - 34 to the first respondent dated 08.10.2025 and consequently to take suitable steps to transfer the land in S.Nos.22/3, 24/1, 26/1, 22/3 which is situated at Thiruvaimoor Village, Thirukkuvalai Taluk, Nagapattinam District.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the material records of the case, it can be seen that the third respondent, namely *S.Yovan*, who is said to be a cultivating tenant of the temple lands, is said to have entered into an agreement for sale with the petitioner.

3. Such transaction itself is illegal. Neither the third respondent ought to have entered into an agreement for sale, nor the petitioner ought to have parted with money for purchasing the temple property.

4. In view of the apparent illegal act committed by the third respondent, it is open to the temple to take immediate action to evict the third respondent from the lands. It is also open to the temple authorities to consider the request of the petitioner to be a cultivating tenant in respect of the said land in the manner



known to law. With the above observations, the prayer to transfer the tenancy directly in the name of the petitioner cannot be granted, as it would be a premium for illegal purchase.

5. The writ petition is *disposed of* with the aforesaid observations. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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