



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 705 of 2024

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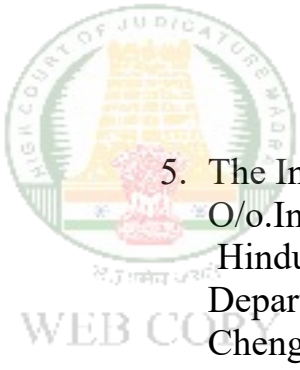
W.M.P.No.724 OF 2024

A/m.Sri Varadaraja Perumal and
Sri Agastheeswaraswamy Devasthanam,
Rep.by its Hereditary Trustee,
Mrs.Vanitha R Manickavasagam,
W/o. Mr.Ramani Manickavasagam,
No.231, Kilpauk Garden, Kilpauk, Chennai 10.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Collectorate Office,
GST Road, Chenglepet-603001.
2. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments
Department, 119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.
3. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department,
Chenglepet District @ Kancheepuram,
Kancheepuram 631501.
4. The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department,
228, JCK Nagar, Chengalpattu 603001.



5. The Inspector
O/o.Inspector of HR and CE Department,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, Cheyyur Taluk,
Chenglepet District.
6. The Block Development Officer (BDO)
Chithamur Panchayat, Cheyyur Taluk,
Chenglepet District-603 313.
7. The Tahsildar
Cheyiur Taluk, Chenglepet District.
8. The Inspector Of Police (L & O)
G-6, Chithamur Police Station,
Saravambakkam, Chenglepet District-603 313.
9. J.Kannan
Village Panchayat President,
Chunampet Panchayat, Cheyyur Taluk,
Chenglepet District 603313.
- 10.Nirmal Kumar
Village Panchayat President / Civil Contractor,
Puthirankottai, Cheyur Taluk,
Chenglepet District-603401.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a direction to the respondents 1 to 5 to initiate appropriate legal action against the respondents 9 and 10 for their illegal and unauthorized constructions, civil works, improvements, Concrete columns, Water Tank or any other improvements whatsoever either permanent or temporary on the instructions of 6th respondent (Block Development Officer) in the Petitioner Temple Land comprised in Survey No. 454/1 measuring an extent of Hectare 0-78.50 Ares and Survey No.454/2 measuring an extent of Hectare 0-14.00 Ares bearing Patta No.7 situated in Chunambedu Village, Cheyur Taluk, Chenglepet District, based on the petitioner's representation/complaint dated 12.10.2023 and 25.11.2023 and consequently, directing the respondents 6, 9 and 10 not to put up any Water Tank constructions, civil works, improvements concrete columns or any other improvements whatsoever either permanent or temporary in any mode in the Petitioner Temple Land as referred



above and direct them to restore the said lands to its original state in order to cultivation of the said lands.

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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.S.L.Sudarasanam

For Respondent(s):

Mr.M.Rajendiran

Additional Government Pleader
for R1 and R7

Mr.K.Karthikeyan

Government Advocate (HR & CE)
for R2 to R5

Mr.V.Meghanathan

Government Advocate (Crl.side)
for R8

No appearance for R6, R9 and R10

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 5 to initiate appropriate legal action against the respondents 9 and 10 for their illegal and unauthorised constructions, civil works, improvements, concrete columns, water tank or any other improvements whatsoever either permanent or temporary on the instructions of the 6th respondent (Block Development Officer) in the petitioner Temple land comprised in Survey No. 454/1 measuring an extent of Hectare 0-78.50 Ares and Survey No.454/2, measuring an extent of Hectare 0-14.00 Ares bearing Patta No.7 situated in Chunambedu Village, Cheyur Taluk, Chenglepet District, based on the petitioner's representation / complaint dated 12.10.2023 and 25.11.2023 and consequently, directing the respondents 6, 9 and 10 not to put up any Water Tank constructions, civil works, improvements, concrete columns



or any other improvements whatsoever either permanent or temporary in any mode in the petitioner Temple land as referred above and direct them to restore the said lands to its original state in order to cultivation of the said lands.

2. The petitioner is the Hereditary Trustee of Arulmighu Sri Varadaraja Perumal and Agatheeswaraswamy Devasthanam, situated at Villipakkam Village, Chunampet, Cheiyur Taluk, Chenglepet District. The said temple comes under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. While that being so, the respondents 9 and 10, on the instigation of the 6th respondent, has trespassed into the said land and started to put up illegal and unauthorised constructions. In this regard, the petitioner has made a representation dated 25.11.2023 to the District Collector, HR and CE Department and to the 6th respondent, however, there is no stoppage of work till date and hence, the petitioner is constrained to approach this Court with the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials.

4. Considering the limited scope of prayer, this Court, without expressing anything on merits, directs the 3rd respondent to conduct enquiry between the petitioner and the respondents 9 and 10 and take appropriate action, if any illegal or unauthorized construction is found and the same may be



removed after providing opportunity to the petitioner and other interested parties, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above direction. No costs.
Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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