



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No.5615 of 2026

K.Arumugam Chettiar
S/o.Krishna Chettiar,
A/m.Sri Angalaparameswari Amman,
Sri Perianayagi Amman Thirukoil,
Ramanatham Via, Korakkawadi P.O.,
Thittakudi Taluk, Cuddalore District. ... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Uttamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai- 600 034.

2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Villupuram.

3.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Pudupalayam, Erikarai Street,
Cuddalore-Pudupalayam,
Cuddalore District.

4.The Executive Officer
A/m.Sri Angalaparameswari Amman,
Sri Perianayagi Amman Thirukoil, Ramanatham via,
Korakkawadi P.O, Thittakudi Taluk,
Cuddalore District.

5. The Inspector of Police,
Ramanatham (Thozhudur) Police Station, Thittakudi Taluk,
Cuddalore District. ... Respondents

R5 is impleaded as suo motu by this Court



Prayer: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st Respondent to consider the petitioners representation dated 28.01.2026 and appoint Fit Person to take charge of the affairs of the Said Temple for the proper conduct of the Maha Shivarathri Festival to be held from 15.02.2026 to 18.02.2026, and pass.

For Petitioner: Mr.V.Srikanth

For Respondents: Mr.K.Karthikeyan,
Government Advocate, for R1 to R4

Mr.J.Subbiah,
Government Advocate, (Crl.Side), for R5

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner and to appoint a Fit Person to take charge of the affairs of the temple with reference to the conduct of the Maha Shivarathri festival to be held from 15.02.2026 to 18.02.2026.

2. The petitioner is the Hereditary Trustee of the Temple, namely Arulmigu Angalaparameswari Amman, Sri Perianayagi Amman Thirukoil, Ramanatham, Thittakudi Taluk, Cuddalore District. It is stated by the petitioner that the Maha Shivaratri festival is attended by a large number of devotees and huge hundial collections and assortments are also offered to the deity during the festival. In spite of the petitioner being the Hereditary Trustee, certain individuals are taking the upper hand during the festival. Therefore, the



held from 15.02.2026 to 18.02.2026 and take care of the celebration of the festival in accordance with the traditions of the temple. The Executive Officer shall take care of all the facilities and the safety of the devotees, take care of the temple and its properties including, the hundial collections in money and also in kind, shall also endeavour to generate a QR code from the Temple's account and to keep the QR code in all prominent places in and around the temple with a proclamation that, as far as possible, devotees shall pay online so that the entire amount, without any pilferage, goes directly to the Temple account. It is made clear that even the Hundial collections which are made physically shall come only to the Temple's account.

(ii) For the peaceful conduct of the festival, upon a request being made by the Executive Officer, the Inspector of Police, Ramanatham Police Station, Thittakudi Taluk, Cuddalore District, shall provide adequate police protection to the Executive Officer to carry out the aforementioned purposes and for the smooth conduct of the festival and ensuring the law and order during the festival.

6. Considering the nature of grievance that is expressed, the Inspector of Police, Ramanatham Police Station, Thittakudi Taluk, Cuddalore District, is *suo motu* impleaded as the 5th respondent. Mr.J.Subbiah, Learned Government



Advocate (Crl.Side), takes notice for the 5th respondent.

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7. With reference to the prayer to consider the representation, since the representation also with reference to the change of the Electricity Board connection in the name of the Temple, the same shall also be forthwith considered by the 3rd respondent and appropriate orders be passed and directions be issued so that the connection be changed in the name of the temple.

8. The Authorities to act on the web copy of the order without waiting for the certified copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

9. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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