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W.P.No.7894 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.07.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.P.No.7894 of 2026
and W.M.P.No.8546 of 2026

G.Deva
S/o. N. Gurupadham,
C-50, Plaza Manor Flat,
No.1, Karumari Amman Koil Street,
Vadapalani, Chennai-600 026

Petitioner

Vs

1.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
No.119, Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

2.The Deputy Commissioner/
Executive Officer
Vadapalani Murugan Temple,
Vadapalani, Chennai-600 026.

3.The Fit Person
Vadapalani Murugan Temple,
Vadapalani, Chennai-600 026.

Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondents from undertaking or proceeding with any civil works which are not in consonance with Sections 35, 36, 66, and 86 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 in Arulmigu Vadapalani Andavar Temple, Chennai, including the proposed repair and renovation of Shri Valli Thirumana Mandapam.

For Petitioner: Mr.Vadiraj Anirudh.S.G.
(Through Video Conferencing)

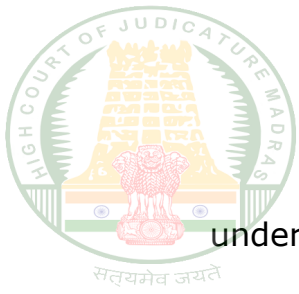
For Respondents: Mr.P.V.Balasubramainam
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.D.Yashwanth Rajan
Government Counsel
for R1 and R3

Mr. N.R.R.Arun Natarajan
for R2

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This writ petition, styled as public interest litigation, has been filed by the petitioner under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondents from



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undertaking or proceeding with any civil works which are not in consonance with Sections 35, 36, 66 and 86 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 in Arulmigu Vadapalani Andavar Temple, Chennai, including the proposed repair and renovation of Shri Valli Thirumana Mandapam.

2. The second respondent has filed a counter-affidavit, wherein, it is stated as under:

"8. At present, the Mandapam after renovation will be strictly used as a multipurpose hall for propagation of religious tenets, promotion of fine Arts and functions propagating the Hindu culture and other religious purposes connected with Hindu Religion."

3. Learned Additional Advocate General submitted that, after renovation, the Mandapam will be strictly used as multi-purpose hall for propagation of religious tenets, promotion of fine arts and functions propagating the Hindu culture and other religious purposes connected with Hindu religion only.

4. Recording the submission made by learned Additional Advocate General, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no



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order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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