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W.P.No.8256 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and W.M.P.Nos.8950, 8951 and 8952 of 2026

T.R.Ramesh
Flat 3B Nataraj Apartments
17D'Silva Road, Mylapore
Chennai-600 004

Petitioner

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Tourism, Culture and Religious
Endowments Department
Fort St. George
Chennai-600 009

2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments
119, Mahatma Gandhi Road
Nungambakkam
Chennai-600 034



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3. Mr. U. Meenakshi Sundaram
Fit Person
Sri Arunachaleswarar Temple
Vilvam, 4, Yadhaval Street
Virugambakkam
Chennai-600 092

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records relating to Job Notification dated 27.01.2025 issued by the respondents herein, to quash the same as being void, illegal and in contravention to the T.N. Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, and consequently restrain the respondents from taking any decisions regarding the appointment of full time staff pending the appointment of a validly constituted Board of Trustees.

For Petitioner: Mr. Elephant G. Rajendran

For Respondents: Mr. N. R. R. Arun Natarajan
Spl. G.P. (HR&CE)
for R1 and R2

ORDER

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

Heard.

2. Challenge to the recruitment process is premised on the ground that the recruitment process is in violation of the provisions



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applicable/governing the recruitment.

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3. It is well settled that no public interest litigation is maintainable in the matter of recruitment/service matters. Therefore, by way of public interest litigation, we are not inclined to interfere with the process of selection.

4. Leaving the issue open for consideration in appropriate case, this public interest litigation is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, interim applications stand closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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To:

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- 1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai - 600034
- 2.The Joint Commissioner/
Executive Officer,
Arunachaleswarar Temple,
Tiruvannamalai,
Tamil Nadu.



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