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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

**WP No. 14159 of 2021
and
W.M.P.No.32024 of 2025**

R.Nandhakumar
S/o.Rajagopal, Pasthanapalli village,
Kalingavaram Post, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri
District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and charitable Endowments
Department, Government of Tamil Nadu,
119,Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Thousand Lights
West, Nungambakkam, Chennai- 600 034.
2. The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and charitable Endowments
Department, Government of Tamil Nadu,
Thiruvannamalai District.
3. The District Revenue Officer and
Special Officer (Temple Lands)Krishnagiri
District.
4. The Tahsildar



Taluk Office, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District.

5. V.Chalapathi

S/o.T.V.Vasanthiah Residing at
Kudisathanapalli post, Shoolagiri Taluk,
Perigai, Krishnagiri District.

6. V.Chakarabani

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7. V.Thimmiah

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8. N.Hemanthkumar

S/o.Narasimmiah Residing at Kudisathanapalli
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9. R.Narasimmamoorthy

S/o.Ramachandraiya Residing at
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10. T.V.Vasanthiah

S/o.Thimmiah Residing at Kudisathanapalli
post, Shoolagiri Taluk, Perigai, Krishnagiri



District.

..Respondent(s)

To direct the respondents 1-4 to conduct an enquiry against the Respondents 5-10 based on petitioners representation dated 08.06.2021 and restrain the Respondents 5-10 from interfering in the Temple Administration and remove the encroachments caused by them in the 200 acres of Temple Land at Kottasathanpalli Village, Perigai, Krishnagiri District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Thanga Vadhana Balakrishnan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Ravichandran,AGP,
for HR& CE for R1 & R2
Mr.T.Arunkumar,AGP for R3 & R4
Mr.G.M.Ananthakumar
for R5 to R8 and R10
R9-deceased – steps due.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by C.Kumarappan J.)

The present writ petition has been instituted seeking for a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 to conduct an enquiry against the respondents 5 to 10.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the subject property belongs to temple which is falling under the control of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department. The Inspector of HR&CE Department has stated in his written instruction that actions are to be initiated to evict encroachers by invoking Sections 78, 79 and 80 of the HR&CE Act.

3. In view of the above fact, the respondents 1 and 2 are directed to



ensure that appropriate proceedings are initiated under the appropriate provisions of the Act for removal of encroachments in respect of the temple property as expeditiously as possible.

4. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (C.K.,J.)
04-02-2026

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

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