



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-06-2026

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**THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE N. MALA**

Writ Petition No. 18030 of 2026

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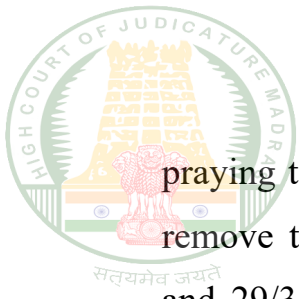
..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District collector
Salem, Salem District.
2. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department (HR and CE),
Salem.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.
4. The Tahsildar,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.
5. Kannan
6. Pachamuthu
7. Radha
8. Mohan
9. Manickam
10. Govindan
11. Samidurai
12. Perumal
13. Muthammal

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,



praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents Nos.1 to 4 to remove the encroachments put forth in Survey Numbers 29/14, 29/27, 29/30 and 29/34 at Irattai Puliymarathur, Veerakkal Puthur Village, Mettur Taluk, Salem District to a total extent of 11 acres made by the respondent Nos.5 to 13 and also other illegal encroachers in pursuance of petitioners representation dated 11/03/2026 within a time frame.

For Petitioner: Mr.C.Deepakkumar

For Respondents Mr.K.Surendar,
Government Advocate For R1 to R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)

Writ Petition in W.P.No.31137 of 2022 filed by one Tamil Selvan seeking a similar relief to that sought in the present writ petition, was considered by a different Division Bench of this Court on 06.04.2026 and the same was disposed of with the following observations:

“The learned Additional Government Pleader based on instructions would submit that a fair price shop has been constructed and the Authorities found that it is a temple land.

2.Therefore, it is for the temple to set out their claims if any exists. However, the subject property is not Government Poramboke land or the land belongs to the Government and thus, the question of issuing direction to evict the encroachments would not arise at all. However, it



is for the temple to initiate appropriate actions if the temple lands are under un-authorised occupation.”

2. In paragraph 4.1 of the writ affidavit, the fact of the pendency of

the earlier writ petition has been disclosed. However, after filing of the present writ petition, the Division Bench has disposed of the earlier writ petition filed for similar relief. For the sake of judicial uniformity and to avoid inconsistency, we find it appropriate that the present writ petition be disposed of in terms of the order passed in the earlier matter.

3. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

(G.J.,J.) (N.M.,J.)
08-06-2026

Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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