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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.10.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

W.P.No.18611 of 2026 and
W.M.P.No.19933 of 2026
CNR: {HCMA010907042026}

A.Ramesh,
South Street,
Gunamangalam & (PO),
Srimushnam (Tk),
Cuddalore District-608 703.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   No.119 Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
   Nungambakkam,
   Chennai-600 034.

2. The Assistant Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious and Chartable Endowments
   Department,
   Cuddalore District,
   Cuddalore-607 001.

3. Mrs.Subhashini,
   Inspector of Temples,
   Bhuvanagiri HR and CE Division,
   Bhuvanagiri,
   Cuddalore District.

4. Mr.Gunaseelan,
   Trustee, A/M Pitchiswarar Temple,
   Gunamangalam (PO),
   Srimushnam (Tk),
   Cuddalore District-608 703.

..Respondent(s)

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PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ of order or direction in the nature of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for all the records and documents pertaining to Inquiry Notice in Na.Ka.No.5741/2025/A1 issued by the 2nd respondent dated 02.01.2026 which inquiry is still pending and quash the same as illegal arbitrary, malafide and contrary to Article 21 and other provisions of Constitution of India and further directing the 1st respondent to take appropriate action against the 2nd, 3rd and 4th respondents in accordance with law as to their commissions and omissions and arbitrary abuse of their powers and privileges of their respective office.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Sundaranathan

For Respondent(s): Mr.D.Yashwanth Rajan,
Government Advocate for R1 to R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to quash Inquiry Notice in Na.Ka.No.5741/2025/A1 issued by the 2nd respondent dated 02.01.2026 which inquiry is still pending as illegal arbitrary, malafide and contrary to Article 21 and other provisions of Constitution of India and direct the 1st respondent to take appropriate action against the 2nd, 3rd and 4th respondents in accordance with law.

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2.The case of the petitioner is that the respondents are proceeding with an enquiry on the complaint dated 14.11.2025, alleging financial irregularities in A/M Pitchiswarar Temple, without furnishing a copy of the complaint and the supporting documents, despite repeated requests made by him. The petitioner contends that such conduct is arbitrary since he is being denied an opportunity to effectively participate in the enquiry. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

3.The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 would submit that a fresh enquiry notice will be issued to the petitioner and on appearance of the petitioner, the copies and other connected documents will be furnished pursuant to the said enquiry notice.

4.Recording the submissions of the learned Government Advocate, this Writ Petition is disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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