



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 17391 of 2026

N.Anbalagan,

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department, Chennai 600
034.

2.The Joint Commissioner,
HR and CE Department,
Thoothukudi district.

3.The Assistant Commissioner,
HR AND CE Department,
Thoothukudi District.

4.The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar
Temple,Vilathikulam,
Thoothukudi District.

5.A.Subbiramanian,
S/o.Arumugam, Annadhanam Sathiram
Road,Sholihar,Vellore 631102

6.M.R.Thangadurai,

7.R.Narasimman,

8.T.Selvaganesh,

9.M.Ramachandiran,

10.M.Krishnamurthy,

11.R.Palpandian,

12.S.Muthukumar,

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, directing 1st respondent to consider and dispose of the Interim Application filed in unnumbered I.A.No. of 2026 in A.P.No. of 2026 dated 13.04.2026 within a stipulated time and consequently permit the petitioner to conduct the temple festival on 30.04.2026,01.05.2026 and 02.05.2026.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.V.G.Kartheeban

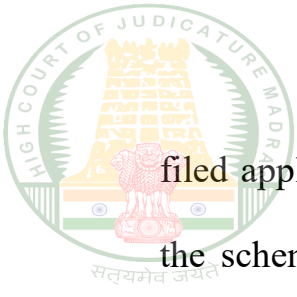
For Respondent: Mr.S.Ravichandran
Additional Government Pleader for R1 to R4
(HR&CE)

ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself. Since no adverse order is passed against the private respondents, notice to the private respondents is dispensed with.

2. This writ petition is filed for a direction, directing 1st respondent to consider and dispose of the Interim Application filed in unnumbered I.A.No. of 2026 in A.P.No. of 2026 dated 13.04.2026 within a stipulated time and consequently permit the petitioner to conduct the temple festival on 30.04.2026,01.05.2026 and 02.05.2026.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioners are co-sharers of the temple namely Sri Vaishnava Rishi Kothiram Periya Arasan Koottam situated at Kuralyampatti Village, Vilathikulam, Thoothukudi District and the same is a private temple maintained by Sathriya Hindu Nadar community and governed by registered Trust Deed dated 17.12.2021. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the private respondent in violation of the Trust Deed, unlawfully inducted third parties into temple administration and misappropriated temple income. The private respondents have filed application under Section 64(1) of HR & CE Act before the second respondent and scheme was framed and the petitioner



filed application under Section 64(5) of HR & CE Act seeking cancellation of the scheme. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a statutory appeal before the first respondent along with the Interim Application seeking permission to conduct temple festival, however, the same was returned on the ground that there is no scheme implemented. Hence, this petition is filed seeking for a direction to the first respondent to dispose of the un-numbered appeal and interim application.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader (HR&CE) and perused the materials placed on record.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the first respondents to dispose of the un-numbered interim application in un-numbered appeal filed by the petitioner, if there is no legal impediment and pass appropriate order on merits and in accordance with law after providing opportunity of hearing to the interested parties. Such exercise shall be completed within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order.

6. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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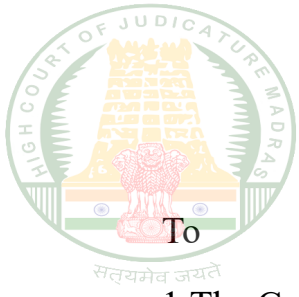
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