



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G. R. SWAMINATHAN

**WP No. 20370 of 2026
and
WMP.Nos. 21861 & 21862 of 2026**

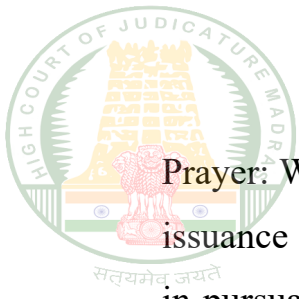
1. S.P.Chandran
2. P.M.S.Pitchai Mani
3. M.V.Puroshothaman,
4. S.T.Ganapathy

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, No.119, Uthamar Ganddhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.
2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department, Sivagangai Division,
40, Muthusamy Nagar, Thiruppathur Road,
Sivagangai- 630 561.
3. The Fit Person,
Athi Korakkanathaswamy Temple,
Thiruppuvanam Taluk, Thiruchendur District.
4. S.Somasundaram
5. C.Chandrasekar
6. S.Vinoth

..Respondent(s)



Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance writ of mandamus, forbearing the Respondents from taking any action in pursuance to order and confirmed scheme order dated 12.01.2026 of the 2nd Respondent made in O.A.No.5/ 2023, pending disposal of the appeals in A.P.No.1 of 2026 and A.P. (e-office) No.2724319/ 2026 on the file of 1st Respondent and Consequently direct the 1st Respondent to dispose the above appeals in A.P. NO.1 of 2026 and A.P. (e-Office) No.2724319 /2026 within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Srikanth

For Respondent(s): Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Faizal
Additional Government Pleader for R1 & R2

ORDER

The case on hand pertains to the affairs of Athi Korakkanathaswamy Temple, Thiruppuvanam Taluk, Thiruchendur District. A scheme was framed originally in the year 1997 and it was modified vide order dated 12.01.2026 by the 2nd respondent herein. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioners have filed appeal before the 1st respondent. The petitioners have also taken out a stay petition. The petitioners' grievance is that before the Appellate Authority take a call to the stay petition, the modified order is sought to be enforced.

2. Hence, this Court direct the 1st respondent to dispose of the stay petition within a period of sixteen weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after notice to all the parties concerned. Till the stay petition is



disposed of, the modified order passed by the 2nd respondent shall not be enforced. I make it clear that I have not gone into the merits of the matter.

None of the defences of the private respondents stand foreclosed.

3. This Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, W.M.P.No.21861 of 2026 is ordered. Other connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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

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