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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED: 23-01-2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

WP No. 25312 of 2023

D.Ravisankara Gurukkal
S/o.Duraiappa Gurukkal, Hereditary Trustee,
Srikailasanaadhaswami Temple, No.9, Sivan Koil
Street, Ariyalur- 621 704.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Ariyalur.
2. The Tahsildar
Ariyalur.
3. Revenue Inspector
Ariyalur.
4. Thiyagarajan
S/o.Marudhamuthu, Veerabadhirasamy Koil
Street, Ariyalur.
5. Valarmathi
W/o.Kalaiarasan, Veerabadhirasamy Koil
Street, Ariyalur.
6. Poiyamozhi
S/o.Azhagappan, Poonusamy Aranmanai
Street, Ariyalur.

..Respondent(s)

Directing the respondents 2 and 3 to remove unauthorised encroachments made by respondents 4 to 6 in S.No. 555/ 453, Sri Kailasanadhaswami Temple, Ariyalur (South), Village Ariyalur District, pursuant to the proceedings in O.M /2473/ 2023 /A1 dt.25.04.2023 issued by



the 2nd respondent

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.Subramanian

For Respondent(s):

Mr.T.Arun Kumar, Agp For Rr1 To 3.

No Appearance For R4.

R5 - Not Ready In Notice.

Mr.M.Thamizhavel For R6.

ORDER

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

The present writ petition has been filed by the hereditary trustee, Sri Kailasanadharswami Temple, Ariyalur (South).

2. Admittedly, the Temple is a private Temple. Even according to the averment made in the writ affidavit, the respondents 4 to 6 made an encroachment in respect of the temple property. Therefore, the very narration in the affidavit would show that there is no government involvement in the present writ petition. Thus, the very maintainability of the writ petition is in question. Private Temple will not come under the definition of State. Hence, we do not find any merit in the writ petition and the writ petition stands dismissed. However, the petitioner is at liberty to proceed against the encroachment, if he is so advised, before the Civil Court. No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (C.K.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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