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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

Case QR

WP No. 46688 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012254672026}

AND

WMP NO. 52511 OF 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
   Hindu Religious and charitable
   Endowment Department
   Uttamar Gandhi Salai
   Nungambakkam Chennai.
2. The Joint Commissioner
   HIndu Religious and charitable
   Endowment Department
   Coimbatore.
3. The Head Trustee
   Board of Trustee
   Arulmigu Ammneeswarar Thirukovil
   Pollachi Taluk
   coimbatore District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorari to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent in Se.Mu.Na.Ka.No.1/2025 dated 29.1.2025 and to quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Adithya Varadarajan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Suriya Government Advocate (HR & CE)

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This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner challenging the impugned suspension order passed by the 3rd respondent in Se.Mu.Na.Ka.No. 1/2025 dated 29.01.2025.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been serving as the Archakar of Arulmigu Ammneeswarar Thirukovil, T. Kottampatti, Pollachi Taluk, Coimbatore District, for over 30 years. On 29.01.2025, the 3rd respondent issued the impugned order suspending the petitioner from service with immediate effect based on certain complaints and 22 framed charges, without issuing any prior notice or conducting a proper enquiry. Aggrieved by the said order, the petitioner preferred a statutory appeal in A.P. No. 01 of 2025 before the 2nd respondent (Joint Commissioner, HR & CE Department), which remains pending without any orders till date.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents submitted that aggrieved by the impugned suspension order dated 29.01.2025, the petitioner has already availed the alternative statutory remedy by filing an appeal in A.P. No. 01 of 2025 before the 2nd respondent, who is the competent appellate authority, and the same is pending consideration. It is further submitted that the said appeal will be disposed of by the 2nd respondent as

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expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. In view of the fact that the statutory appeal filed by the petitioner against the impugned order is already pending before the 2nd respondent, without going into the merits of the case, this Court is of the view that it would suffice to direct the appellate authority to dispose of the pending appeal within a stipulated time frame.

6. Accordingly, the 2nd respondent (Joint Commissioner, HR & CE Department, Coimbatore) is directed to consider and dispose of the petitioner's appeal in A.P. No. 01 of 2025 on merits and in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and the 3rd respondent, within a period of sixteen (16) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till the disposal of the said appeal, any coercive action against the petitioner including eviction from the residential premises shall be subject to the outcome of the appeal and in accordance with the existing rules/clauses governing the temple administration.

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7. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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