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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

Case QR

WP No. 46199 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012390632026}

1. G.M.Swamy
2. R.Madhavan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Joint Commissioner
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   No.130, R.K.Mutt Road,
   Mylapore, Chennai- 600 004.
2. The Assistant Commissioner
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   Chennai- 600 106.
3. The Inspector
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   Chennai- 600 106.
4. The Secretary
   Arulmigu Sri Kamatchi Amman Temple Trust,
   Valasarawakkam,
   Chennai- 87.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the first and second respondents to consider the representation dated 02.05.2026 submitted by the 1st and 2nd petitioner to conduct an appropriate inspection / inquiry into the administration, management, accounts, offerings, properties and income of the Arulmigu Sri kamatchi Amman Temple Trust, and Consider the applicability of Sections 6 (18), 6(20),49 and 63 (a) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable

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Endowments Act, 1959, and pass a reasoned order on the representation dated 2.5.2026 within a reasonable time.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Gunaraj

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Surya Government Advocate for R1 to R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 1st and 2nd respondents to consider the petitioners' representation dated 02.05.2026, conduct an appropriate inspection/inquiry into the administration, management, accounts, offerings, properties, and income of the Arulmigu Sri Kamatchi Amman Temple Trust, Valasaravakkam, Chennai - 600 087, and consider the applicability of Sections 6(18), 6(20), 49, and 63(a) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, and pass a reasoned order within a reasonable time.

2. The case of the petitioners is that they are devotees who were originally associated with the establishment and development of the Arulmigu Sri Kamatchi Amman Temple, a Hindu public religious institution maintained substantially through public offerings and donations. Serious allegations have arisen regarding the exclusion of the original founders from the administration, non-maintenance of proper accounts, and lack of transparency in managing the Hundial collections and rental income derived from the temple mandapam.

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3. It is the grievance of the petitioners that pursuant to the liberty granted by this Court in W.P. No. 10792 of 2016 dated 28.08.2024, they submitted a representation before the HR&CE authorities, which was returned on 16.09.2025 to be presented before the jurisdictional Assistant Commissioner. Accordingly, the petitioners submitted a detailed representation dated 02.05.2026 to the competent respondents seeking an inquiry and appropriate action under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959. However, no effective action or final order has been passed on the said representation till date. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3. and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought in this Writ Petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter or the allegations made by the petitioners, this Court directs the 1st and 2nd respondents to consider the petitioners' representation dated 02.05.2026 on its own merits and

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in accordance with law, conduct an appropriate inquiry after issuing due notice and affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners, the 4th respondent, and all other interested parties, if any, and pass appropriate reasoned final orders within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. WMP.No.51915 of 2026 is allowed as prayed for subject to payment of separate Court fee.

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