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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 46183 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012603962026}

T.V.Srinivasan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District revenue officer / Special officer III
   (Temple Lands)
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   (HR and Ce) department,
   No 119 Uthamar Gandhi Salai (Nungambakkam
   High Road)
   thousand Lights West,
   Nungambakkam,
   Chennai 600 034.
2. The Joint commissioner, Chennai Region 1
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   68 E.V.K Sampath Maaligai 9th Floor,
   DPI Campus, College Road,
   Chennai 600 006.

3. The Executive officer Grade I
   Arulmigu Chennai Malleswarar Chennai
   Kesava perumal Temple,
   No 85 Devaraja Mudali street,
   Park Town, Chennai 600 003.

4. The Member Secretary
   Chennai Metropolitan development Authority
   (CMDA),Thalamuthu Natarajan Maaligai,
   No 1, Gandhi Irwin Road,
   Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

5. The Commissioner
   Greater Chennai corporation,
   Ripon Building
   Poonamallee High Road,Chennai 600 003.

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6. The Executive Engineer
   Zone 5, Greater chennai Corporation,
   No 105 Basin Bridge Road,
   Royapuram, Chennai 60 07.

7. Annamalai Chettiyar

8. Babu Chettiyar

9. Moorthy Chettiyar

10. Sankar Chettiyar

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the second respondent to take action in accordance with communication issued by the first respondent in Oo. Mu. No 2365966 / 2026 / R2 / Dt. 19.01.2026 based on the petitioners representation, within stipulated time.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Veeraraghavan

For Respondent(s): Ms.S.Surya Government Advocate for R1 to R3 & R5

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 2nd respondent to take action as per the communication given by the 1st respondent in Oo.Mu.No.2365966/2026/R2/Dt. 19.01.2026 based on the petitioner's representation dated 26.10.2026 against the illegal obstruction of access to the first-floor shops and alleged unauthorised construction in the temple property belonging to Arulmigu Chennai Malleswarar Chennai Kesava Perumal Temple, situated at Door No. 85, Devaraja Mudali Street, Park Town, Chennai - 600 003.

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2. The case of the petitioner is that he is a lawful commercial tenant in occupation of Shop situated on the first floor of the aforesaid temple premises, running a retail business of pooja articles for nearly 16 years and regularly paying monthly rent. Since January 2026, certain ground-floor occupants (respondents 7 to 10) have allegedly obstructed the staircase and pathway leading to the first floor with brickwork, preventing devotees from accessing the first-floor shops, and are also carrying out unauthorised additional construction above the first floor without requisite planning permission from the competent authorities.

3. It is the grievance of the petitioner that despite submitting complaints to the official respondents and the 1st respondent issuing a communication dated 19.01.2026 directing the 2nd respondent to take action, as well as the 4th respondent (CMDA) issuing communications dated 30.03.2026 and 08.05.2026 to respondents 5 and 6, no effective action has been taken on his representation dated 26.10.2026 till date. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 and 5 and perused the materials available on record.

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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 claim made by the petitioner, this Court directs the 2nd respondent / The Joint Commissioner, Chennai Region - I, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 26.10.2026 in the light of the 1st respondent's communication dated 19.01.2026 on its own merits and in accordance with law, after issuing due notice and affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, the private respondents (respondents 7 to 10), and all other interested parties, if any, and pass appropriate final orders within a period of eight 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.

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