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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.06.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

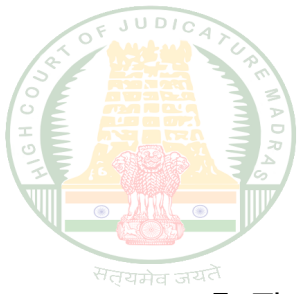
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A.Radhakrishnan
S/o.T.Arumuga Gounder,
38, Mettur Agraharam,
Salem-636 001.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary to Government
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department
Secretariat
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Commissioner
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Cheppaukkam,
Chennai-600 005.
3. The Managing Director
Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation,
CMDA Tower-1, IV Floor
Gandhi Irwin Bridge Road
Egmore, Chennai-600 008.
4. The District Executive Magistrate /
District Collector
Salem Town-636 001.



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5. The Assistant Commissioner
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Collectorate,
Salem-636 001.

6. The Senior Regional Manager
Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation,
56, Brindavan Road, Fairlands,
Salem-636 016.

7. The Commissioner of police
Linemedu,
Salem-636 006.

8. The Commissioner,
Salem City Municipal Corporation,
Salem Town-636 001.

9. The Superintending Engineer
Construction and Maintenance,
Highways Department,
Salem-636 005.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner representations dated 22.10.2025 and 19.12.2025 to forthwith close the TASMACH Shop No.7269 and 7200 situated at Back side of Arulmigu Anjaneyar Swamy Temple (Shri Madhwa Mutt) Salem Town.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Marudhachalamurthy

For Respondents : Mr.R.Veeramani
Government Pleader for R1 & R2
Mr.K.Sathish Kumar
Standing Counsel for R3 & R6

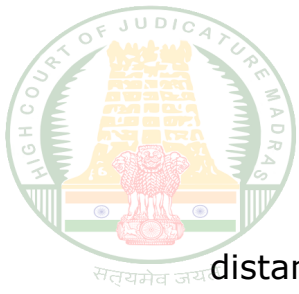
ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a direction to respondents to consider the representations dated 22.10.2025 and 19.12.2025 forthwith and close the TASMAC Shop Nos.7269 and 7200 situated at the back side of Arulmigu Anjaneyar Swamy Temple (Shri Madhwa Mutt) Salem Town.

2. The State has filed a reply disputing the existence of the temple within 50 metres of the shop violating Rule 8(1) of the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003.

3. Petitioner, in his petition, has not stated clearly as to the



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distance between the temple and shop. In such circumstances, we direct the fourth respondent to decide the pending representations of petitioner in accordance with law and pass a reasoned and speaking order, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. We have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.

4. Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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