



W.P.(MD)No.965 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 07.04.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate Office,
Madurai.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Officer,
Madurai, Madurai District.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Vadipatti Taluk,
Madurai District.
- 4.Ravi
- 5.Mariammal
- 6.Vijaya

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the



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Respondents 1 to 3 to remove the encroachment in Arulmigu Thiru Venkatesha Perumal temple land in Survey No.73/2, Survey No.75/2A, Survey No.56/6 situated at Achampatti Village, Vadipatti Taluk, Madurai District based on the petitioner's representation dated 27.09.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ranjith Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Addl. Government Pleader for R1 to R3.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was delivered by G.R.Swaminathan, J.)

The petitioner alleges that there are encroachments in S.Nos.73/2, 75/2A and 56/6, Achampatti Village, Vadipatti Taluk, Madurai District. We had a look at the revenue record. It is seen that these are temple lands. The learned Additional Government Pleader on instruction states that the lands in question continue to be vacant and that there are no encroachments. Be that as it may, if a temple land has been encroached, the revenue authority may not be in a position to take action. If the temple in question comes under the purview of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, then action has to be taken under



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Section 78 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act by
the Joint Commissioner.

2. With the aforesaid observations, this writ petition is disposed of.

No costs.

**(G.R.S. J.,) & (R.P. J.,)
07.04.2026**

NCC : Yes/No
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