

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED : 30.01.2026**CORAM****THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN****CONT.P.(MD)Nos.208, 209 & 225 of 2026 in**
W.P.(MD)Nos.33678, 33677 & 33701 of 2025

K.P.Manikandan	... Petitioner / Petitioner in Cont.P.(MD)No.208 of 2026
S.Rajarathinam	... Petitioner / Petitioner in Cont.P.(MD)No.209 of 2026
R.S.Suresh	... Petitioner / Petitioner in Cont.P.(MD)No.225 of 2026

Vs.

1. Mrs.P.Kavitha Priyadharshni,
Regional Joint Commissioner,
HR&CE Department,
No.14/1, Trivandram Road,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District – 627 002.

2. Mrs.K.Thangam,
Assistant Commissioner,
HR&CE Department,
Vadiveeswaram, Kottar,
Nagercoil – 629 002,
Kanyakumari District.

3. Mrs.V.Kavitha,
Executive Officer,
Arulmighu Ramar Thirukovil,
Kalpadi, Office at Kannivinayagar Temple,
Vadiveeswaram, Kottar, Nagercoil – 629 002,
Kanyakumari District. ...Contemnors / Respondents 1 to 3



Prayer in Cont.P.(MD)No.208 of 2025: Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the contemnors / respondents for willful disobedience of the order passed by this Court made in W.P.(MD)No.33678 of 2025 dated 19.12.2025.

Prayer in Cont.P.(MD)No.209 of 2025: Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the contemnors / respondents for willful disobedience of the order passed by this Court made in W.P.(MD)No.33677 of 2025 dated 19.12.2025.

Prayer in Cont.P.(MD)No.225 of 2025: Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the contemnors / respondents for willful disobedience of the order passed by this Court made in W.P.(MD)No.33701 of 2025 dated 19.12.2025.

(in all Cont.Ps)

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Krishna Doss
For Respondents : Mr.J.K.Jayaselan,
Government Advocate for R-1 & R-2.
Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan,
Standing counsel for R-3.

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ORDER

The petitioners herein filed writ petitions before this Court and they were allowed by me vide order dated 19.12.2025. Even though I had given specific direction that work order should be issued forthwith, the respondents have not done so. Technically, the respondents have committed contempt.

2. I do not want to precipitate the matter on account of the offer made by the respondents. Yagasalai is to commence this evening. Kumbabishekam is to be performed on 01.02.2026. The respondents give a specific undertaking that they will serve the work order on the petitioners herein. Once Kumbabishekam is over, the petitioners shall execute the work order out of their own funds. The amount already collected by the Association will be remitted to the temple account immediately. The respondents make it clear that the issues regarding collection will be given a quietus at the moment, the amount comes to the temple account. Since the petitioners are going to carry out donor work, they will be duly honoured along with other donors on the occasion of Kumbabishekam.



3. Respondents 2 and 3 are present in person. They have expressed their sincere remorse and also unconditional apology.

Accepting the same, I close these contempt petitions.

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