



W.P(MD)No.3217 of 2026

WEB CODE BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 23.03.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

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M.Krishnamoorthy

... Petitioner

VS.

- 1.The District Collector,
Tiruchirappalli District,
Tiruchirappalli.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o.Revenue Divisional Officer,
Musiri, Tiruchirappalli District.
- 3.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.
- 4.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Srinivasa Nagar, Thiruvanaikoil, Thiruchirappalli.

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5.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department,
Rockfort, Tiruchirappalli.

6.The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Madurai Kaliyamman Thirukoil,
Kouthrasanaloor Village,
Thottiyam, Thiruchirappalli District.

7.C.Durairaj @ Maruthnayagam ... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct an enquiry and remove the encroachment made by the seventh respondent in the sixth respondent Government Temple in Survey No.317/2 and in Survey No.49/26 of Chitoor Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Thiruchirappalli District based on the representation dated 04.03.2024 within the time limit stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Thalaimutharasu

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok (R1 to R5)
Additional Government Pleader

: Mr.V.Chandrasekar (R6)

: Mr.A.Joel Paul Antony



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.)

The petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 5 to conduct an enquiry and remove the encroachment allegedly made by the seventh respondent in respect of the sixth respondent–Government Temple, situated in Survey No.317/2 and Survey No.49/26 of Chitoor Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District.

2.When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel appearing for the sixth respondent/Temple submitted that the Temple administration has already initiated necessary proceedings for eviction and that a notice under Section 78(2) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 has been issued to the seventh respondent.



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3.Considering the above submission, the seventh respondent is at liberty to submit an explanation before the authorities concerned. The authorities concerned shall conclude the proceedings, in accordance with law, after taking into consideration the explanation, if any, submitted by the seventh respondent, and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

4.With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

[N.S.K.,J.] [M.J.R.,J.]
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