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W.P.(MD) No.3436 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 06.02.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

**W.P.(MD) No.3436 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.2848 of 2026**

R.Badrinarayanan

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.T.Bharathi Devarajulu
- 2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable
Endowments Admin. Dept.
Uttamar Gandhi Road
Chennai-600 034
- 3.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious & Charitable
Endowments Admin. Dept.
Thanjavur District
- 4.The Assistant Commissioner
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Endowments Admin. Dept.
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5.The Inspector
Hindu Religious & Charitable
Endowments Admin. Dept.
Vallam, Thanjavur District

6.Raman Bhattachariyar Swamy

7.Aravamuthan Bhattacharya Swamy

8.Thirunangur Prathivathi
Bayangaram Thirumalachariyar Swamy

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondents from in any manner performing the blasphemous consecration of Sri Narasingaperumal Temple, Vallam Village, Thanjavur District, on 8-2-2026 by following the “Vaikanasa Agama” with a further direction to them to substitute the “Tenkalai Namam” with that of the “Vadagalai Namam” in all the places in the “Temple” wherever the “Vadagalai Namam” has been replaced under the guise of renovation, perform Prayaschithas and thereafter perform the consecration by following the “Pancharathra Agama” which is followed in that temple from time.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.S.Vijaya Raghavan

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R2 to R5



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them from converting the convention and nature of denomination of the Temple. Since there was no response, the petitioner has filed the present public interest litigation on the next day i.e., on 05.02.2026.

3. On perusal of the records, we are not inclined to entertain this public interest litigation for the following reasons:

- (i) The nature of denomination of the Temple has to be ascertained, if there is any dispute, only by establishing the right before the Civil Court.
- (ii) The representation of the petitioner, which is now sought to be considered by this Court, was sent to the authorities concerned only on 04.02.2026.
- (iii) The public interest litigation seeking interference of this Court into the religious ceremony of consecration of the Temple, which is scheduled to be held on 08.02.2026, has been filed at the last minute i.e., on 05.02.2026 that too with insufficient materials.



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- (iv) The reason stated by the petitioner for filing this public interest litigation with insufficient materials is that though there are laborious materials to consider his case, due to paucity of time, he is not able to place all the materials and therefore, he has produced only pith and substance of the materials before this Court.
- (v) The reason given by the petitioner is not sufficient and adequate for interfering with the religious ceremony scheduled to be held on 08.02.2026 without hearing the other side. If at all the petitioner is having any substantial material in support of his claim, he has to place the same before the authority concerned and has to work out his remedy in accordance with law. Filing a writ petition at the eleventh hour is not the remedy for the prayer of this nature. Hence, for these reasons, we are not inclined to entertain this public interest litigation.



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4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[G.J., J.] [K.K.R.K., J.]

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