



W.P.(MD)No.8657 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 30.03.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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1.R.Kannan Poosari
Hereditary Trustee cum Poosari,
Arulmighu Mariamman Temple,
Virudhunagar District.

2.G.Hamsha Lakshmi
3.K.Jaya Priya Dharshini

... Petitioners

VS.

1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Nungambakkam, Chennai.

2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Madurai.

3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Virudhunagar.

4.The Assistant Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmighu Mariamman Temple,
Irukkangudi, Sattur Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.



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5.The Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Arulmighu Mariamman Temple,
Irukkangudi, Sattur Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to appoint the 3rd Petitioner, K.Jaya Priya Dharshini, as Hereditary Trustee cum Poosari in the place of the 1st Petitioner, R.Kannan Poosari, in light of the petitioners' representation dated 19.02.2026, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioners	:Mr.J.Shenbagalingam
For R1 to R3	:Mr.M.Sarangan Additional Government Pleader
For R4	:Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan
For R5	:Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus directing the respondents to appoint the third petitioner, Mrs.K.Jaya Priya Dharshini, as Hereditary Trustee-cum-Poosari, in the place of the first petitioner, Mr.R.Kannan Poosari, in the light of the petitioners' representation, dated 19.02.2026.



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2. Upon hearing the learned Counsel on either side and perusing the material records of the case, the grievance of the petitioners is that the first petitioner is presently the Hereditary Trustee-cum-Poosari in respect of the said Temple. Now, he is ailing and therefore, he wants his daughter, the third petitioner, to succeed him. It is stated that there is a scheme framed in respect of the said Temple in O.A.No.160 of 1934 and modified vide O.A.No.9 of 1955.

3. In view thereof, when the application has been made under Section 54(3) HR & CE Act, it is for the second respondent to consider the same in accordance with law, thereby, considering the circumstances as well as the eligibility of the third petitioner with reference to the Hereditary Trustee-cum-Poosari of the Temple and to pass orders thereon in accordance with law. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible, in any event not later than six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of the web copy of the order without waiting for the certified copy of the order.



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4. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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