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W.P.(MD)NO.9970 OF 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 09.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.9970 of 2026

A.M.Sundaravel

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 034.
3. The District Collector,
Collectorate Building,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli – 627 009.
4. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
Palayamkottai – 627 002.
Tirunelveli District.



- ## ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 to 8 to remove the encroachments made in Theppakulam of the temple namely Sri Theppakulam Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Kovil, Muneerpallam, Tirunelveli District as per village records and FMB sketch of the year 1980 and also to restore the same by storage the holy water for the welfare of the worshippers in accordance with law by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.01.2026 within a stipulated period as framed by this Court.



For Petitioner : Mr.A.M.Sundaravel,
Party-in-person.

For Respondents : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner appeared as party-in-person. He alleges that a tank attached to the petition-mentioned temple is no longer in existence. He wants the same to be restored.

3. We had an interaction with the petitioner. We asked him whether he had seen the tank in question. He answered in the negative. He had also not produced any record to show that the tank was ever in existence. He is only relying on some hearsay. We cannot issue any direction based on such hearsay information. This writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
09.04.2026

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5. The Revenue Divisional Officer / Monitoring Committee,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District.
6. The Sub Collector,
Tirunelveli,
Tirunelveli District.
7. The Tahsildar,
Palayamkottai Taluk,
Tirunelveli – 627 002.
8. The Executive Officer / Thakkar,
Sri Theppakulam Lakshmi
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