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W.P.(MD)NO.10035 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.10035 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,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur – 613 010.
4. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
Department,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District.



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5. The District Revenue Officer,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

6. The Revenue Divisional Officer/ Monitoring Committee,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.

7. The Tahsildar,
Boothalur Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

8. The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Agneeswarar temple,
Thirukattupalli (HR&CE Department),
Thanjavur District.

9. The Executive Officer,
Thirukattupalli Town Panchayat,
Thanjavur 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 holy water tank of the temple, namely, “Agni Theertham” of Arulmigu Agneeswarar temple is situated in Sy.No.83E/14 at Thirukattupalli Town Panchayat, Boothalur Taluk, Thanjavur District 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 12.09.2024 within the stipulated period as framed by this Court.

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



For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Government Pleader
for R-1 to R-7 & R-9.
Mr.V.Chandrasekaran for R-8.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner herein seeks restoration of the petition mentioned temple tank.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the eighth respondent draws our attention to the order dated 27.08.2024 made in W.P. (MD)No.19462 of 2024. The writ petition was filed by the petitioner himself in person for the very same relief. It is seen that the tank was reclassified and a bus stand was constructed. But this had taken place some fifty years ago. It is difficult to undo the things that had taken place so long back. Hence, we are unable to grant relief. This writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

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

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