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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SURESH KUMAR

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.VADAMALAI

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and

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D.Rajendran

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The District Collector,
Sivagangai,
Sivagangai District.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Sivagangai District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Tahsildar Office,
Ilayangudi,
Sivagangai.

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to allow the petitioner to construct a small hall in the premises and front of the Kesava Perumal Temple in S.R.No.435/5, Visavanur Village, Ilayangudi Taluk, Sivagangai District on the basis of the representation dated 06.06.2024 within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul
For Respondents : Mr.S.P.Maharajan,
Special Government Pleader
For Impleading Petitioner : Mr.D.Senthil

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by R.SURESH KUMAR, J.]

The prayer sought for herein is for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to allow the petitioner to construct a small hall in the premises in front of the Kesava Perumal Temple in S.R.No.435/5, Visavanur Village, Ilayangudi Taluk, Sivagangai District on the basis of the representation dated 06.06.2024 within the time frame fixed by this Court.

2.Learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that there is a temple called Kesava Perumal Temple in S.R.No.435/5, Visavanur Village,



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Ilayangudi Taluk, Sivagangai District, which is a village temple, being maintained jointly by the village people. There is a tank in front of the temple and during summer time when the devotees come to the temple for worship, they are struggling because there has been no shelter available in the temple. Therefore, in order to reduce the heat being generated during summer and give facilities to the devotees who come to the temple, since such facilities have to be provided, the village people wanted to erect a small hall or put up a small shelter for the benefit of the devotees and in order to get such permission representation had been given on 06.06.2024 to the respondents. In order to consider the same, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

3.However, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that, the land belongs to the Government, as it is a Government Poromboke land, where this temple is located and Oorani is also located. If at all the village people want to put up any additional or further construction in front of the temple, they should seek appropriate permission from the Government ie., the Revenue Department and in this regard, if any specific request is made, that would be considered by the revenue authorities in accordance with law and orders would be passed.



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4.Learned Counsel appearing for the impleading petitioner would submit that there are allegations against the present writ petitioner with regard to maintaining the temple. Therefore, he is not the proper person to be considered for granting appropriate permission even by the revenue authorities.

5.We have carefully considered the arguments of the learned Counsel and perused the materials placed before this Court.

6.Insofar as the plea raised by the writ petitioner is concerned, the Revenue Department is the custodian of the land. Let there be a specific request made in this regard by the village people not by any individual, seeking permission to put up a hall or additional construction in front of the temple for the purpose of the devotees and if any such specific request is made by village people not by individual, the same can be considered and decided by the District Collector, or any other authority delegated by him in the Revenue District, within a period of two [2] months from the date of receipt of a copy of such request. Insofar as the locus of the present petitioner to represent the said village, the same can also be decided by the revenue authorities, whether if any locus is made out by the petitioner or



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not. That can also be taken note of by the revenue authorities as indicated above.

7. In view of the same, the impleading petition need not be entertained. Accordingly, C.M.P.(MD)No.13627 of 2025 is dismissed.

8. Recording the aforesaid directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[R.S.K., J.] & [P.V.M., J.]

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