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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **04.03.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

W.P.(MD)Nos.14483 of 2024, 144 of 2023 & 6204 of 2021
and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.12725 of 2024 and 1587 of 2023

WP.(MD)No.14483 of 2024

Traders Association
Rep. by its President
R.S.Sunderbabu
S/o.K.R.Sethuraman
Door No.19A/3
Perumal Teppakulam West
Town Hall Road
Madurai-1

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The State Rep. by its Secretary to Government
Tourism Culture and Religious Endowment Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George Secretariat
Chennai-600 009

2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Mahatma Gandhi Road
Nungambakkam Chennai-600 034

3.The Joint Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Madurai-625 001



4.The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Madurai-625 001

5.The Assistant Commissioner/Executive Officer
Arulmighu Koodal Alagar Temple
Madurai-625 001

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the order of the 1st Respondent in G.O.Ms.No.167, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department, dated 16.03.2024, confirming the order of the 4th Respondent dated 27.11.2017 in Na.Ka.No.2547/2015/A1, confirming the order of the 3rd Respondent dated 12.11.2016 in Na.Ka.No.7145/2015/E1 and order dated 25.06.2024 of the 4th Respondent in Na.Ka.No.2507/2015-1/A1, quash the same and consequently direct the Respondents herein to provide alternate shop as per the representations before the 1st Respondent herein.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Anandkumar

For R1 to R4 : Mr.J.Ashok,
Additional Government Pleader

For R5 : Mr.S.Manohar,
Standing Counsel.

WP.(MD)No.144 of 2023

Bharatiya Janata Party
Rep. by its President
Madurai City



Madurai. Maha Suseendran
S/o. Mahamuni
No. 3/24
Pillaiyar Kovil Street
Othapatti
Karuppayoorani
Madurai 625 020.

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector
Madurai District
Madurai.

2.The Assistant Commissioner / Executive Officer
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Koodal Alagar Perumal Temple Campus
Madurai 1

3.The Commissioner
Madurai Corporation
Madurai.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to remove the encroaching shops around the holy pond of Koodal Alagar Perumal Temple, Madurai for conducting Theppa Thiruvizha festival, by considering the petitioners representation dated 22.10.2022, within the stipulated time fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rajaram

For R1 : Mr.J.Ashok,
Additional Government Pleader



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For R2

: Mr.S.Manohar,
Standing Counsel.

For R3

: Mr.S.Vinayak,
Standing Counsel

WP.(MD)No.6204 of 2021

V.Uthayakumar

Vs

... Petitioner

1.The Chief secretary
State of Tamilnadu
Fort St. George
Chennai-9

2.The Secretary of Govt.
HR and CE Dept.
Fort St.George
Chennai-9

3.The Commissioner
HR and CE DEpt.
Nungambakkam High Rd
Chennai

4.The Director of Archeology
Halls Road Egmore
Chennai-8

5.The Joint Commissioner
Madurai Region
HR and CE Dept.
Madurai

6.The Asst. Commissioner /Executive Officer
A/M Koodal Azhagar Perumal Temple
Madurai



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7.The District Collector Madurai

8.The Commissioner of Police Madurai

9.The Commissioner
Municipal Corporation
Madurai

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents herein to ensure that the constructions which are obstructing the artistic value of Teppakulam belonging to Arulmigu Koodal Azhagar Perumal Temple situated at Town Hall Road, Madurai are removed on all four sides Teppakulam and to restore the said Tank to its originality, appearance and use and maintain the same in future by preventing dumping of all wastes ie., solid and liquid into it and from restoring the In-Let Channels so as to make it a perfect water body for the use of general public, within the time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Manikandan

For R1 to R5 & R7 : Mr.J.Ashok,
Additional Government Pleader

For R6 : Mr.S.Manohar,
Standing Counsel.

For R8 : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate(Crl.side)



COMMON ORDER

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When these writ petitions are taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel on either side would submit that the encroachment has been removed and the prayer sought for in these writ petitions has become infructuous.

2.Recording the above submission, the writ petitions are dismissed as infructuous. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
04.03.2026

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Internet :Yes
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