



W.P(MD)No.16103 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 12.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR and CE) Dept.,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

2. The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District.

3. The District Revenue Officer,
Ramanathapuram District.

4. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR and CE) Dept.,
Sivagangai.

5. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Ramanathapuram Division,
Ramanathapuram District.

6. The Assistant Commissioner,
HR and CE Department,
Ramanathapuram.

7. The Tahsildar,
Thiruvadanai Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.



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8. The Executive Officer/Thakkar,
Arulmigu Thiruna Jyotheeswarar Temple,
Pullur Village, Thiruvadani Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

9. The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvadanai Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the illegal barbed wire fences in Survey No.207/2 of Pullur Village and further direct the 6th respondent to cancel the illegal Patta No.9979, restoring the land to its original classification as Temple/Public Poramboke.

For Petitioner	: Mr.S.Kishore Kumar
For R1 to R7	: Mr.S.Venkatesh
	Counsel for State
For R9	: Mr.I.Murugesan
	Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The prayer in this writ petition is to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the illegal barbed wire fences in Survey No.207/2 of Pullur Village and further direct the 6th respondent to cancel the illegal Patta No.9979, restoring the land to its original classification as Temple/Public Poramboke.



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2. Learned counsel for the State has produced the letter of the 8th respondent / Executive Officer addressed to the 3rd respondent / DRO to change the patta in respect of the lands in Survey No.207 in the name of the temple. At present, the patta stands in the name of a private person. There appears to be a title dispute. Therefore, as a matter of right it cannot be construed as an encroachment of the temple land. Thus, we are not inclined to issue any direction. It is well open to the temple to establish their right and title over the property in question and evict encroachment by following the proper procedure under Section 78 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959.

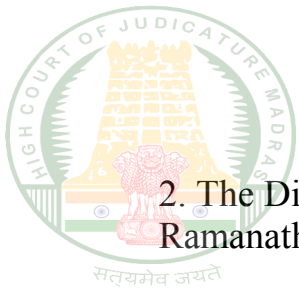
3. With the above observation, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. No costs.

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