

W.P(MD)No.16828 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 19.06.2026

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

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G.Saravanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Municipal Administrative and Water Supply,
Chief Secretariat,
Chennai - 600009.

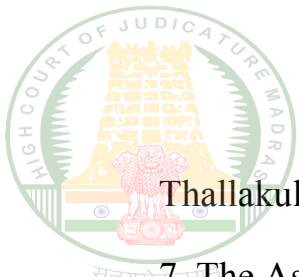
2. The District Collector,
Madurai District.

3. The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation of Madurai,
Madurai.

4. The Department of Archaeology,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Tamil Valarchi Valagam,
Near Babu Hospital Tamizh (Italls) Road,
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

5. The Secretary,
Gandhi memorial museum
Rani Mangammal Palace,
Tamukkam, Madurai - 625 020.

6. The Deputy Mayor,
Arigner Anna maligai,
Melur main road, outpost,



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Thallakulam, Madurai.

7. The Assistant Commissioner (Revenue I/C),
Madurai Corporation Madurai - 625 001.

8. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Madurai Corporation Madalam – 3,
Mela Mart Street Madurai - 625 001.

9. The Commissioner,
Municipal Office Srivilliputur 626 125.

... 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 No.1 to 9 to rechange the name from Gandhi Museum (Rani Mangammal Palace) to Rani Mangammal Palace by considering the Petitioner's representation dated on 08.06.2026 and consequently direct the Respondents to reconstruct the building Rani Mangammal Sathram opposite to Railway Station and Karupatti Sathram used as Kitchen Room as in the earlier name.

For Petitioner	: Mr.G.Saravanan
For Respondents 1, 2, 4 & 9	: Mr.M.S.Parthiban
	Counsel for State
For Respondents 3, 6 to 8	: Mr.R.Murali

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 No.1 to 9 to re-change the name from Gandhi Museum (Rani Mangammal Palace) to Rani Mangammal Palace by considering the Petitioner's representation dated on 08.06.2026 and consequently direct the Respondents to



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2. According to the petitioner, the present Gandhi Museum was known as Rani Mangammal Museum during 17th Century and in 1955, the State Government gifted the Palace and 13 acres of surrounding land to all India Gandhi Smarak Nidhi to honour the father of the Nation. As a heritage and artistic preservation, the name has to be re-changed as Rani Mangammal Palace. Therefore, he seeks the above prayer.

3. The property itself was transferred in the year 1955 by way of gift by the State Government. We are of the view that the petitioner has no locus to seek such prayer. We do not find any merits in this writ petition.

4. Hence, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

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