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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **07.04.2026**

CORAM:

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

AND

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

W.P.(MD)No.18031 of 2024

N.Muthukumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Vilachery Revenue Division,
Madurai District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Tahsildar Office,
Madurai West Taluk,
Madurai District.

4.Nallakkal

5.Athaponnu @ Chinnammal

...Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 3 herein to remove the encroachment made by the respondents 4 and 5 in Arulmigu Kooli Kathayi Amman Temple situated in S.No.387/11 to an



extent of 0.01.45 hectares at Vilachery Village, Madurai West Taluk, Madurai based on the petitioner's representation dated 28.03.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Dinesh
For Respondents : Mr.S,P.Maharajan (R1 to R3)
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

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

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking to remove the encroachment made by the private respondents in the property of the Temple, called as Arulmigu Kooli Kathayi Amman Temple.

2.The grievance of the petitioner is that the private respondents have encroached upon the temple lands. In this regard, the petitioner has submitted a representation before the authorities concerned. Since the same has not been considered, the petitioner has filed the instant writ petition.

3.The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents, on instructions, submitted that already proceedings



under the provisions of the Land Encroachment Act has been initiated and notice under Section 7 of the Act has been issued to the private respondents.

4.As the proceedings under the provisions of the Land Encroachment Act has already been initiated by the authorities concerned, by considering the representation submitted by the petitioner, no further direction is required to be issued in this writ petition. However, the authorities shall complete the proceedings initiated under the provisions of the Land Encroachment Act, after affording opportunity of the hearing to the encroachers as well as the petitioner and any other parties, who are interested in the subject property, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5.With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of.
There shall be no order as to costs.

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