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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WP(MD) No. 30523 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011506852026}

Sivasubramanian

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   Chennai - 600 034.

2. The Assistant Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments
   Department,
   Tirunelveli District.

3. The Executive Officer,
   Arulmigu Bhoominatha Swamy Temple,
   Veeravanallur - 627 426,
   Cheranmahadevi Taluk,
   Tirunelveli District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents not to proceed with or conduct the Balalayam of the Moolavar Sri Bhoominatha Swamy, Sri Maragathambigai Amman and other deities and idols, scheduled to be performed on 30.10.2026, until the date for the Kumbabishegam ceremony of Arulmigu Bhoominatha Swamy Temple, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli District, is duly finalized and

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fixed, and until adequate arrangements are made to complete all necessary renovation, repair and other preparatory works connected with the said ceremony, so as to avoid any unnecessary interruption to the performance of daily poojas, regular Darshan, religious worship and customary festivals by consider the petitioner's representation dated 12.09.2026.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.S.Sathyachidambaram

For Respondent(s) : Mr.K.K.Udhayakumar (R1 & R2)

Government Advocate

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P. VELMURUGAN J.)

This writ petition is filed in the Public Interest Litigation seeking a direction to the respondents not to proceed with the conduction of Balalayam of the Moolavar Sri Bhoominatha Swamy, Sri Maragathambigai Amman and other deities and idols, scheduled to be performed on 30.10.2026, until the date for the Kumbabishegam ceremony of Arulmigu Bhoominatha Swamy Temple, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli District, is duly finalized and fixed, and until adequate arrangements are made to complete all necessary renovation, repair and other preparatory works by considering the petitioner's representation dated 12.09.2026.

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2. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the last Kumbabishegam was performed on 01.06.2012, and a sum of Rs.1 crore was reportedly allocated by the Government for renovation works and Kumbabishegam during 2025–2026. The petitioner has no objection to the proposed renovation or religious ceremonies but apprehends that the absence of a definite Kumbabishegam schedule may result in prolonged interruption of daily poojas, Darshan and customary festivals. Hence, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 12.09.2026 to the third respondent seeking necessary departmental permissions and finalisation of the Kumbabishegam schedule before undertaking the Balalayam. Since the said representation has not been considered and the Balalayam is scheduled for 30.10.2026, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking appropriate directions.

3. At the outset, this Court is of the view that the date for the Kumbabishegam cannot be fixed without taking into account the nature and extent of the renovation and repair works to be undertaken in the Temple. The renovation works have to be carried out, while simultaneously taking steps to finalise the date for the Kumbabishegam. Therefore, merely because a definite date for the Kumbabishegam has not been fixed, the proposed Balalayam cannot be interfered.

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4. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain the writ petition. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(P.V.,J.) (K.K.R.K.,J.)
27-10-2026

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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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