



W.A.(MD)No.490 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **06.04.2026**

CORAM:

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

W.A.(MD)No.490 of 2026
and
C.M.P.(MD)No.4374 of 2026

The Deputy Commissioner/
Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Sankara Narayanasamy
Temple, Sankarankoil,
Tenkasi District

...Appellant

Vs.

M.Sankaran (died)

1.S.Lingammal
2.S.Esakki
3.S.Esakkiraj
4.S.Esakki Mathi

5.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600 034.



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6.The Chairman,
Trust Board,
Arulmigu Sankaranarayanamy Temple,
Sankarankovil.

...Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Appeal – filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, to set aside the order dated 08.08.2025 in W.P.(MD)No.10833 of 2025.

For Appellants : Mr.S.Manohar
For Respondents : Mr.P.Rajagopalan (R1 to R4)
Mr.J.Ashok (R5)
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

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

Challenging the order passed by the learned Single Judge directing the appellants to pay a sum of Rs.1 lakh in lump sum on or before 25.08.2025 towards gratuity in W.P.(MD)No.10833 of 2025, the present writ appeal came to be filed.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials placed on record.



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3.Today, when the writ appeal is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the appellant would submit that if the lump sum amount is restricted to a sum of Rs.1 lakh, they will pay the same on or before 25.04.2026.

4.The learned counsel for the respondents 1 to 4 would submit that the same representation has been made before learned Single Judge. However, the the appellant has not paid the same. He would further submits that sif the said amount is paid, the respondents 1 to 4 will not insist the case any further.

5.Considering the submissions made on either side, the appellant is directed to pay a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) on or before 25.04.2026. It is made clear that, in the event of failure to pay the said amount within the stipulated time, the amount shall carry interest in accordance with the applicable statute from the date of the order passed by the learned Single Judge. It is further made clear that all the legal heirs shall either receive the entire amount jointly or give consent to anyone to receive the amount.



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6.With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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