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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 194 of 2020

AND

WMP NO. 223 OF 2020, WMP NO. 225 OF 2020

Madurai Mavatta Devendra Kula Vellalar
Uravinmurai Sangam, rep. by its President
K.C.Selvakumar, North Street, Managiri,
Madurai-20

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue
and Disaster Management Department, Fort Saint
George, Chennai-9
2. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home
Department, Fort Saint George, Chennai-9
3. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary, Highways Department,
Fort Saint George, Chennai-9



4. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Sercretary, Municipal Administration
and Water Supply Department, Fort Saint
George, Chennai-9
5. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Sercretary, Information and
Publicity Department, Fort Saint George,
Chennai-9
6. The District Collector
Madurai District, Madurai-625 020
7. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Madurai Revenue Division, Madurai-625 020
8. The Revenue Tahsildar
Madurai South Taluk, Madurai-625 020.
9. The Commissioner
Municipal Corporation of Madurai, Madurai
10. The Divisional Engineer of Highways
Madurai Division, Madurai
11. The Commissioner of Police
Madurai City, Madurai

..Respondent(s)

PETITION filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the Government Order in GO Ms.No.213 dated 4.7.2019 passed by



the 1st respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the 1st respondent to grant permission to the petitioner association to install the statue of Maveeran Sundaralinganar in the place located by the petitioner association as per the direction given in WP No.29958 of 2014 dated 8.1.2019 passed by this Honourable Court

For Petitioner(s): Mr. K.Kannan

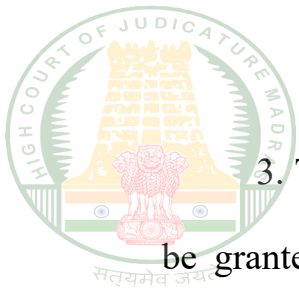
For Respondent(s): Mr.Haja Nazirudeen AAG
asst by Mr.P. Ananda Kumar GA
FOR RR 1 TO 8, 10 & 11.
Mr. Abhinav Parthasarathy for R9

Order

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.Anita Sumanth J.)

Heard in part. As far as the present Writ Petition is concerned, the challenge is to G.O.Ms.No.213 dated 04.07.2019 passed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Disaster Management Department, Chennai declining to grant permission for installation of statue of Maveeran Sundaralinganar.

2. Our attention is drawn to order dated 18.01.2013 passed by the Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) No.8519 of 2006 and W.P.(C) No.314 of 2010. At paragraph 4 of the order, the Supreme Court has specifically referred to the status quo to be maintained with respect to the Triangle Island where the statue of Shri N.Sundaran Nadar has been permitted to be sanctioned. Hence, the question of intervening in the impugned G.O. dated 04.07.2019 does not arise in light of the order of the Supreme Court. This is on the one hand.



3. The Supreme Court has further gone on to say that no permission shall be granted for installation of any statue or construction of any structure on public roads, pavements, sideways and other places of public utility barring essential requirements, such as high mast lights, street lights or construction relating to electrification, traffic toll or for development of roads relating to public utility facilities. Hence, there could not have been any valid permission granted post 18.01.2013, in respect of statues on public roads, pavements, sideways and places of public utility.

4. In light of this, the first respondent shall prepare a report of all statues that have been permitted post to be erected 18.01.2013 and also identify places to which they would be moved forthwith.

5. The litigation in this case is a consequence of Council Resolution dated 09.02.2011 passed by the 9th respondent, the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Madurai. The Commissioner refers to the objection raised by the Highways Department for erection of the statue of Maveeran Sundaralinganar.

6. Having noted the objection, they go ahead and grant permission to erect the statue. We are mystified as to how permission could have been granted in such circumstances. We deem this an irresponsible act by a public body, and will consider putting them to terms prior to closing this Writ Petition.



7. List on 25.02.2026. Report be filed by then. Registry to remove the caption.

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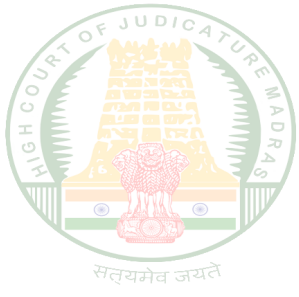
(A.S.M.,J.) (M.S.K.,J.)

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