



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

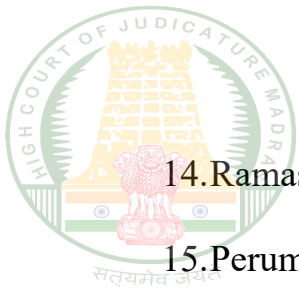
WP No. 1602 of 2026

S.Kandasamy

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Fort Main Road, Salem District-636 001.
2. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Chennai – 600 034.
3. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Salem Region, Salem District.
4. The Inspector of Police,
Kakapalayam Police Station, Salem District.
5. Inspector of Police,
Konganapuram Police Station, Salem District.
6. R. Ravi
7. L. Govindan
8. Thangam
9. Govindan
- 10.Madhaiyan
- 11.Ramachandran
- 12.Jayakumar
- 13.Ramasamy



14.Ramasamy

15.Perumal Gounder

16.Chinnu

17.Mahendran

18.Raja

19.Sivakumar

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the third Respondent-Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Salem to forthwith take over the administration management of Arulmigu Panchumathal Amman /Arulmigu Sri Perumal Swamy Temple, Salem District, and to safeguard the same in accordance with law.

For Petitioner:

Mr.U.Gowri Shankar

For Respondents:

Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, Government Advocate for R1

Mr.K.Karthikeyan,

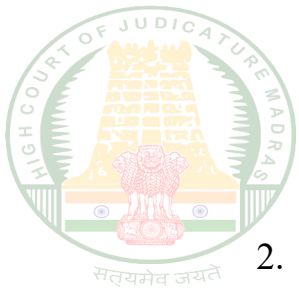
Government Advocate for R2 & R3

Mr.R.Subbiah

Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R4 & R5

ORDER

The writ petition is filed for a mandamus directing the third Respondent-Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Salem to forthwith take over the administration management of Arulmigu Panchumathal Amman /Arulmigu Sri Perumal Swamy Temple, Salem District, and to safeguard the same in accordance with law.



2. Upon perusing the material records of the case, the claim of the petitioner is that he is the hereditary trustee and that the respondents 6 to 19 are suddenly interfering with the affairs of the temple.

3. If the petitioner claims to be the hereditary trustee, it is open to him to approach the appropriate authority under Section 63(b) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) Act, 1959 to seek recognition as the hereditary trustee.

4. With the said liberty kept open to the petitioner, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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