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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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IN

WP NO. 10793 OF 2026

Sri Kishan Bhattad
S/o.Bal Kishan Bhattad
Sole Proprietor
B.Bhattad and Co.
No.3 Ayyapillai Street
Chennai 600003.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary to Government, Hindu
Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 09
2. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments
Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600034.
3. The Joint Commissioner
Chennai Division I
Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowment
Department,
No.163 Linghi Chetti Street
Chennai 600001.
4. The Executive Officer
Arulmigu Sinthathri Vinayagar Temple,



No. 139 N.S.C.Bose road,
Chennai 79

5. Dhanna Ram
s/o. Ranchodaram,
76 Narayana Mudali street,
Chennai 79

..Respondent(s)

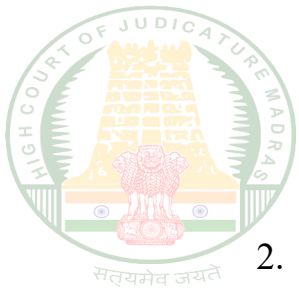
Petition filed to stay the operation of the rental agreement dated 1.2.26 entered in to between the respondents 4 and 5 for the property i.e. all that piece and parcel of the entire superstructure inclusive of the building ground floor measuring about 242.75 sq.ft in Block no. 86 , S.No. 10640/1 forming part of the temple Arulmigu Sinthathiri Vinayagar temple Chennai 79 pending disposal of the writ petition

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Rajasekaran

For Respondent(s): Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, SGP for R1 to R4

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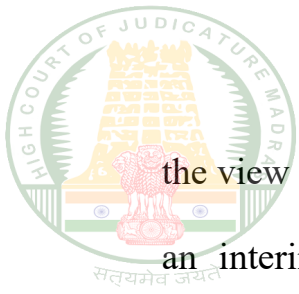
This Writ Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to stay the operation of the rental agreement dated 01.02.2026 entered into between the respondents 4 and 5 for the property i.e., all that piece and parcel of the entire superstructure inclusive of the building ground floor measuring about 242.75 Sq.ft in Block No.86, S.No. 10640/1 forming part of the temple Arulmigu Sinthathiri Vinayagar temple, Chennai 79 pending disposal of the above Writ Petition.



2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned Special Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 to 4. Notice to the fifth respondent returnable by 08.04.2026.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner earlier occupied the property measuring about 242.75 Sq.ft in Block No.86, S.No. 10640/1 forming part of the temple Arulmigu Sinthathiri Vinayagar temple, Chennai 79 inclusive of the building and he vacated the said premises for renovation and reconstruction and the assurance given for his re-occupation by the temple authorities, however, the said property was auctioned without following the procedure contemplated under Section 34 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act to the tune of Rs.24,500/- in favour of the fifth respondent and challenging the same, the present Writ Petition. He further contended that the publication of the auction was made only in Makkal Kural which doesn't have wide recognition and also without obtaining sanction from the Government. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to pay a sum of Rs.30,000/- towards rent for the subject property. Thus, he prayed this Court to pass appropriate orders.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking note of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of



the view that a *prima-facie* case has been made out by the petitioner for grant of an interim stay. Accordingly, there shall be an order of interim stay till 08.04.2026.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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