



Rev.Appln.(Writ).No.181 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 04.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

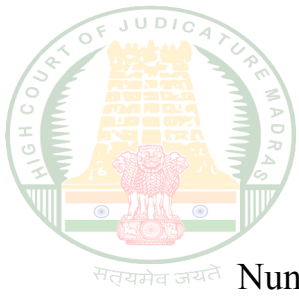
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S.Gowriammal

.. Petitioner

Versus

1. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
College Road, (Ward No.1), E.V.K.Sampath Complex,
(DPI Compled),
Chennai - 600 006.
2. The Deputy Commissioner/
The Assistant Commissioner/
Executive Officer,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Arulmigu Vadapalani Andavar Temple,
Vadapalani,
Chennai - 600 026.
3. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Uttamar Gandhi Salai,



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Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.

4. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Uttamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Review Application filed under Order XLVII Rule 1 r/w Section 114 of the Code of Civil Procedure to review the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.3948 of 2025, dated 04.02.2025 and consequently direct the respondents to recognize the hereditary trustees of the subject temple.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.L.Narayanan,
Senior Counsel,
for Mr.E.Hariharan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Ravichandran,
Additional Government Pleader
(HR & CE), for RR-1, 3 and 4

: Mr.R.Bharanidharan, for R2

ORDER

This petition is filed seeking review of the judgment, dated 04.02.2025 made in W.P.No.3948 of 2025.



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2. The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner would submit that firstly, it can be seen that the petitioner cannot be totally kept out of the temple even if the appointment of the fit person was held to be proper. The petitioner can always oversee, supervise and coordinate with the said fit person and should not be kept away from the administration in toto. Secondly, the learned Senior Counsel would submit even on the last occasion that the very purpose of the review is that while, in paragraph No.5, direction is granted by this Court to expedite the appointment of the regular trustees, the respondents are not taking action in that regard.

3. In this regard, on the last occasion itself, on behalf of the respondents, the information was placed before this Court that an advertisement bearing Na.Ka.No.40270/20204 A2, dated 08.11.2024 and thereafter, on 25.02.2025 has been issued in all leading newspapers inviting applications for appointment of trustees. Therefore, it cannot be said that the

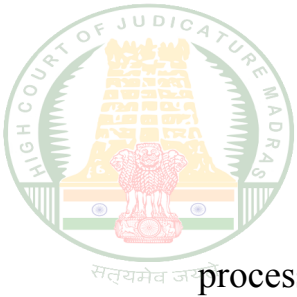


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respondents are not at all complying with the direction in paragraph No.5.
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4. The learned Senior Counsel would submit that the petitioner is aggrieved by the manner in which the advertisement is issued and also with reference to the powers in that regard. The very advertisement is opposed to section 54 of the HR & CE Act.

5. If the petitioner is aggrieved, it will be open for the petitioner to challenge the advertisement in the manner known to law. However, as far as the keeping out of the petitioner is concerned, nobody can prevent the petitioner to enter the temple as a devotee, but, as far as the administration is concerned, unless the petitioner is appointed as a trustee, the claim that he will only oversee and supervise the fit person cannot be countenanced by this Court. Already, I have upheld the appointment of the fit person. Therefore, it would be open for the petitioner to either challenge the advertisement inviting the application for trusteeship or to participate in the



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process and if selected in accordance with law, he can also come in the administration of the temple after being appointed as the trustee.

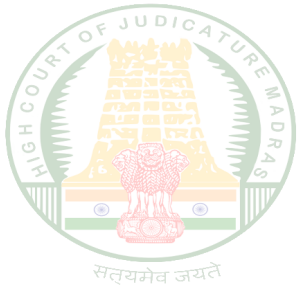
6. Keeping those liberties of the petitioner open, this Review Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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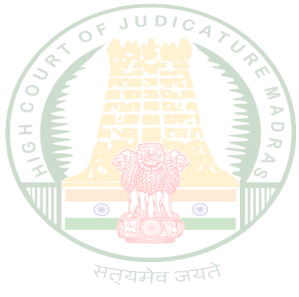
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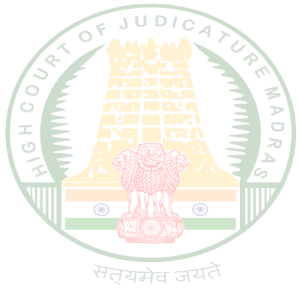


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