



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 16333 of 2026

Nerunjipettai Mutt Tenant Farmers Protection
Association,
Rep. by President,
G.S.Palanisamy,
Nerninjipettai,
Anthiyur Taluk,
Erode District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Tamilnadu Hindu Religious and Charitable and
Endowment Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai
2. The Board of Trust
Represented by its Chairmen
D.Sachidanandam
Ayira Vysiyar Mutt,
Nerinjipettai,
Anthiyur Taluk, Erode District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India,
directing the respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner dated
11.03.2026 in a bound manner.



For Petitioner(s): M/s.V.S.Usharani

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthikeyan

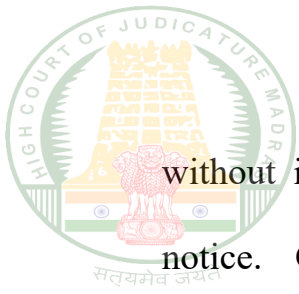
Government Advocate (HR & CE)

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ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 11.03.2026 in a bound manner.

2.The case of the petitioner is that Ayira Vysiyar Mutt, situated at Nerinjipettai in Erode District, owns extensive agricultural lands measuring about 400 acres in Ammapettai and Nerinjipettai Villages, which are leased to several agriculturists who depend solely on agriculture for their livelihood. The tenancy is heritable, and legal heirs of the deceased tenants are recognized as successors. The Mutt is administered by a Board of Trustees headed by the second respondent, who exercises complete control over the leasehold lands and tenancy administration. While previous trustees managed the Mutt without complaints, the present Chairman has indulged in serious maladministration and malpractice. The second respondent has allegedly demanded and collected Rs.11,000/- per acre from the leaseholders for modification of tenancy records,



without issuing receipts, and has threatened cancellation of tenancy without notice. Certain leaseholders have been evicted for failure to comply with such

illegal demands, and No Objection Certificates required for availing loans have been deliberately denied, causing severe hardship to the poor farmers. The petitioner issued a notice dated 27.12.2025 seeking refund and rectification, followed by a representation dated 11.03.2026 to the competent authority under the HR & CE Act. However, no enquiry has been initiated. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that this Court may issue a direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation against the second respondent and pass appropriate orders after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the second respondent.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the first respondent would submit that the petitioner Association was formed only in 2025 and that, with a view to defeating the action of the second respondent, the petitioner had submitted a frivolous representation before the first respondent. It was further submitted that the second respondent had already initiated proceedings for eviction of encroachers. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed a civil suit in OS No.61 of 2025 on the file of the Sub Court, Bhavani. When the civil suit is pending, the complaint made before the first respondent



on similar allegations is not maintainable. If at all the petitioner has any grievance against the second respondent with regard to the eviction proceedings and transfer of records, the only remedy available to the petitioner is before the Civil Court and not before the firstd respondent. Accordingly, he prayed for dismissal of the present writ petition.

5.This Court has considered the submissions made on either side. Since the issues raised by the petitioner relate to eviction proceedings and transfer of tenancy records, and as the petitioner has already approached the competent Civil Court by filing O.S No.61 of 2025, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present writ petition. The petitioner is at liberty to work out the remedy before the appropriate forum in the manner known to law.

6.In view of the above, this writ petition stands dismissed, granting liberty to the petitioner to work out the remedy in the manner known to law.

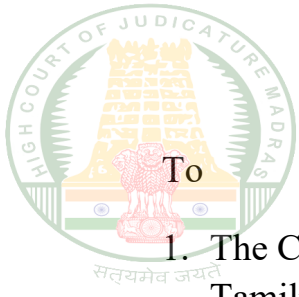
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