



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

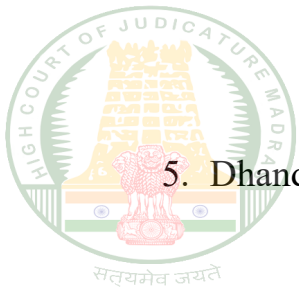
WP No. 16842 of 2025

K.Elumalai

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Thiruvannamalai District,
Thiruvannamalai – 606604.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Arni Revenue Division,
Arni - 632 301,
Thiruvannamalai District.
3. The Tahsildar
Kalasapakkam Taluk,
Kalasapakkam - 606803,
Thiruvannamalai District.
4. The Assistant Engineer, (h) (c And M)
Highways Department,
Kalasapakkam - 606803,
Thiruvannamalai District.



5. Dhandapani

..Respondent(s)

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Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to restore the pathway to the temple Sri Kamatchiamman Udanurai Ekambaraeswar Koil runs through the land comprised in Survey No.1082 of Kadaladi Village, Kalasappakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 20-03-2025, 24-03-2025, 07-04-2025 and its reminder dated 17-04-2025.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Thirumavalavan

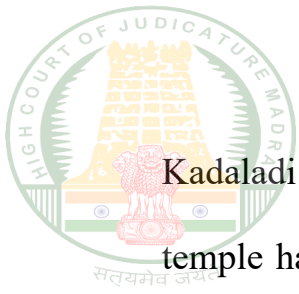
For Respondent(s): Mr.V.Jeevagiridharan, AGP for R1 to R4;
No Appearance for R5

ORDER

The above Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“directing the respondents 1 to 4 to restore the pathway to the temple Sri Kamatchiamman Udanurai Ekambaraeswar Koil runs through the land comprised in Survey No.1082 of Kadaladi Village, Kalasappakkam Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 20-03-2025, 24-03-2025, 07-04-2025 and its reminder dated 17-04-2025.”

2. The petitioner's case is that he is the absolute owner of agricultural land measuring an extent of 2.51 acres comprised in Survey No. 976/4B, situate at



Kadaladi Revenue Village, Kalasapakkam Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District. A temple has been constructed in a portion of the petitioner's land measuring 20 cents, which the petitioner has voluntarily left for temple use. The remaining extent continues to be under the cultivation and possession of the petitioner. The villagers and others constructed the temple in the name and style of Sri Kamatchiamman Udanurai Ekambaraeswar Koil, situate adjacent to the Girivalam Road. Owing to its location, the temple has become popular among Saiva devotees, particularly those visiting Paruvathamalai.

3. The petitioner would further submit that a small portion of land connecting the main road and the temple, comprised in Survey No. 1082 of Kadaladi Village, Kalasapakkam Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District, has been used as a pathway. Not only devotees but also local villagers have been using this passage to access the temple and to carry out agricultural activities in the lands situate at the rear side of the temple. The lands in front of and adjacent to the temple have remained vacant for several years, during which time cattle from the village have been grazing on the said lands. The villagers have also been cultivating their lands situated behind the temple by using the said pathway.

4. While so, the 5th respondent, with an intention to purchase the petitioner's land as well as the adjacent lands from third parties, approached the



petitioner. Since the petitioner refused to sell his land, the 5th respondent, with ulterior motive, suddenly formed a trench in front of the temple, thereby obstructing access to the temple and other agricultural lands. Aggrieved by the said illegal act, the petitioner made representations to the respondents 1 to 4 and other authorities. However, no action has been taken to date. Hence, the present writ petition.

5. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned AGP appearing on behalf of respondents 1 to 4 submitted that access to the temple has been restored, the trench has been filled up, and the land level put on level with the road. He also produced a photograph evidencing the same.

6. Recording the above submissions of the learned AGP, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

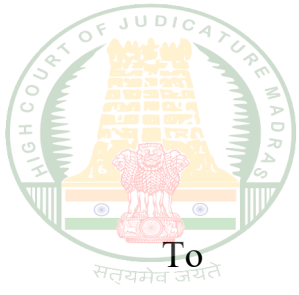
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