



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 18925 of 2025

1. K.Ananthan

2.S.Balamurugan

3.K.Kasi

Petitioner(s)

Vs

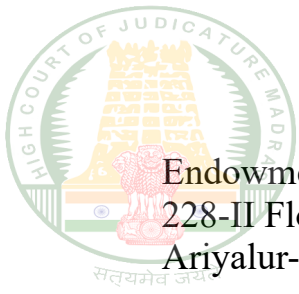
1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By Its Secretary To Government,
Home, Prohibition And Excise
Department, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The District Collector
Ariyalur District,
District Collector Office,
Ariyalur-621 704

3.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious And Charitable
Endowments Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

4.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious And Charitable
Endowments Department,
228-II Floor, District Collector Office,
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5.The Inspector, Sendurai Division
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6. The High Court Of Judicature At
Madras,
Rep. By Its Registrar General,
High Court, Madras.
(R6 Impleaded Vide Order dated
22.09.2025 Made In
WMP.No.37904/2025 in
WP.No.18925/2025 By MDIJ)

7. The Principal District Judge,
Ariyalur District. (R7 Impleaded Vide
Order Dated 22.09.2025 made In
WMP.37907/2025 in W.P.18925/2025
By MDIJ)

Respondents

For Petitioner: M/s.B. Prashanth Nadaraj

For Respondents: Mr.D.Ravi Chander, AAG, assisted by
Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, GA for R1 & R2

Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan Spl.GP for R3
to R5

Mr.Suhrith Parthasarathy for R6 & R7

ORDER

The writ petition is listed under the caption “for reporting compliance.”

2. On the last occasion, it was mentioned that a Writ Appeal was filed as
against the order dated 25.09.2025.

3. *Mr.D.Ravi Chander*, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing



for the first and second respondents would submit that the Government is not aggrieved by the direction of the learned Judge to assign the land to the Court, which in any event the Government may be willing to assign. However, it is only the procedure as directed by the learned Judge to acquire the land, with the finding that the land belongs to the temple, which is not accepted by the Government. It is the case of the Government that the land, as such, belongs only to the Government and it is only within that limited scope the writ appeal is filed.

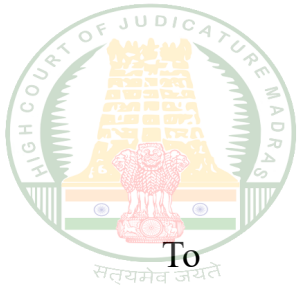
3. When such a submission is made, this Court further queried as to whether, in that case, the respondents would proceed further in entrusting the land to the Court.

5. The learned Additional Advocate General seeks time to place on record the written instructions in this regard and would also submit that, in the meanwhile, they will also pursue the writ appeal.

5. Call this matter on 20.01.2026.

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