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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 31173 of 2022

Tamil Selvan

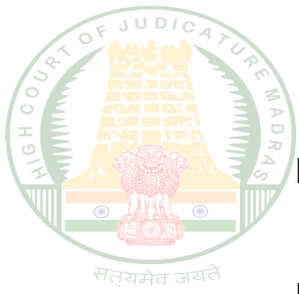
..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Salem District,
Salem.
2. The Joint Registrar,
Co-operative Societies,
Salem District.
3. The Tahsildar,
Mettur Taluk,
Salem District.
4. The Executive Officer,
Veeraklpudur Town panchayat,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to Survey the measurement of temple lands comprised in survey No. 29 / 14, 29/27, 29/30, 29/34 and retrieve the same in the name of Arulmigu Irattai Pulyamarthur Mariyamman temple situated at Irattai Maruthur village, Raman Nagar, Mettur Taluk Salem District subsequently direct the respondents to remove the unauthorised constructions put forth by the 2nd respondent thereon pursuant to the petitioner representation dated 26.08.2022.



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For Petitioner :

Ms.Hasnah.P
for Mr.C.Deepak Kumar

For Respondents :

Mr. T.Arunkumar,
Addl. Govt. Pleader

Order

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The learned Additional Government Pleader based on instructions would submit that a fair price shop has been constructed and the Authorities found that it is a temple land.

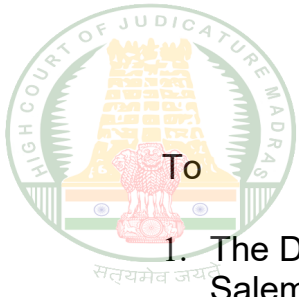
2. Therefore it is for the temple to set out their claims if any exists. However, the subject property is not Government Poramboke land or the land belongs to the Government and thus, the question of issuing direction to evict the encroachments would not arise at all. However, it is for the temple to initiate appropriate actions if the temple lands are under un-authorised occupation.

3. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands **disposed of**. No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)
06-04-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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