



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-09-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 36547 of 2026

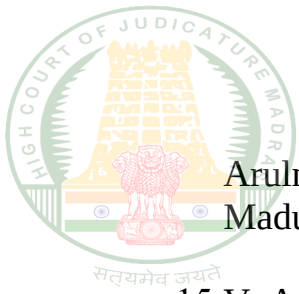
1. R.Sowmiya
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple,
Madurai -625 001.
2. S. Puviyarasan,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple,
Mylapore,
Chennai -600 004.
3. P. Sakthivel,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Thirukovil,
Kumaravayalur,
Trichy District -620 102.
4. P.Anitha,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Kondathukaliamman Temple,
Erode District.
5. L. Saravanan,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple,
Madurai -625 001.
6. R. Azhakaimanalan
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Mariamman Temple,
Samayapuram,
Mannachnallur Taluk,
Tiruchirapalli District.
7. A. Nallukumar,
Grade I Executive Officer,



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8. S. Saranya
Grade I Executive Officer,
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Temple,
Chinnatirupathi, Karuvalli,
Kadaiyampatti Taluk, Salem -636 305.
9. S. Subitha,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Gowmariamman Temple,
Veerapandi, Theni District.
- 10.S. Chithra,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Subramanya Swamy Thirukovil
Temple,
Tiruttani.
- 11.G. Karthikeyan,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Mundagakanniyamman Temple,
Mylapore, Chennai -600 004.
- 12.A. Vijayalakshmi,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Subramaniasami Temple,
Thiruchendur,
Tuticorin District.
- 13.P. Suchithra,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Agatheeshwarar Prasanna Venkatesa
Perumal Thirukoil,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai -600 034.
- 14.V. Meenakshi,
Grade I Executive Officer,



Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple,
Madurai -625 001.

15.V. Anjugam,
Grade I Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Periyamariamman Temple,
Erode Taluk,
Erode District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Department,,
Chennai -600 034.
2. The Commissioner,
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ts Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
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..Respondent(s)

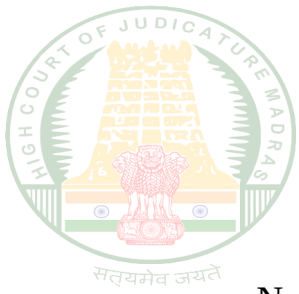
Calling for the entire records connected with the impugned order passed by the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No.383124/2026/L-1, dated 27/08/2026 and QUASH the same and consequently DIRECT the respondents to draw the inter-se Seniority List in the cadre of Executive Officer, Grade - I, in the ratio of 2 isto 2 isto 1, from amongst Direct Recruits, Promotees and Transferees, by applying 10(b) of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Subordinate Service Rule

For Petitioner(s):

S.N.Ravichandran

For Respondent(s):

Mr.R.Baranidharan,
Additional Government Pleader

**ORDER**

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Notice before admission.

2. Mr.R.Baranidharan, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 1 and 2 and seeks time to file counter.

3. Prima facie, it appears that the impugned proceedings dated 27.08.2026 have been issued in total ignorance of Rule 10(b) of the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Subordinate Service and on total misconstruction of the said Rule.

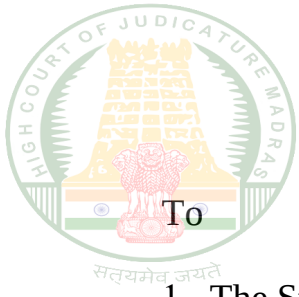
4. As the tentative seniority list objected to by the petitioners herein has been prepared in violation of the above said Rule and the objection raised by the petitioners herein has been overruled in an arbitrary manner, this Court is of the considered view that it is a fit case where the interest of the petitioners is required to be protected pending further orders.

5. In the light of the above, there shall be an order of interim injunction as prayed for for a period of six weeks.

6. List the matter on 07.10.2026 for filing counter.

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