



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 46584 of 2025

AND

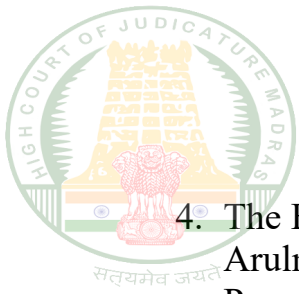
WMP NO. 23900 OF 2026, WMP NO. 51966 OF 2025, WMP NO. 51967 OF 2025, WMP NO. 51969 OF 2025, WMP NO. 51970 OF 2025, WMP NO. 51971 OF 2025

1. C.Santhamoorthi
Secretary
S/o. Chenniyappa Gounder
Arulmigu Thambiraatiyamman Temple, Ingur,
Perundurai Taluk,
Erode District-638052
2. N.Duraisamy
Treasurer
S/o. Nachimuthu
Arulmigu Thambiraatiyamman Temple, Ingur,
Perundurai Taluk,
Erode District-638052

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Hr And Ce Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600034
2. The Joint Commissioner
Hr And Ce Department,
9/2, Jeevanantham Nagar
Karur By Pass Road,
Erode -02.
3. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hr And Ce Department,
Jawans Bhavan 2nd Floor,
Gandhiji Road,
Marapalam,
Erode-638 001



4. The Executive Officer
Arulmigu Sellandiyamman Thirukoil
Perundurai Town And Taluk
Erode District

5. P. Subramaniam
S/o. Palanisamy Gounder,
389-c, Kunnathur Road,
Perundurai,
Erode District

6. C.Thangarasu,
S/o. Chenniyappan, 39/84, RS Road,
Perundurai, Erode District.

7. O.S.Venkateshwaran,
S/o. Chenniyappan, 906, Kaaraikattu Thottam,
Gobipalayam South, Alukkuli Post,
Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Erode District.

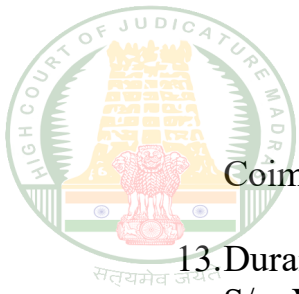
8. P.S.Subakaran,
S/o. Sengottaiyan, 9/186, Kongu Illam,
Poimankaradu, Gajalnaickenpatti, Salem - 201.

9. S.Moorthy,
S/o. N.Shanmugam, 2/82,
Muthumarappagounder Street,
Subbegoundenpudur, Anaimalai Taluk -
642103.

10.A.Saminathan,
S/o. Aarumugagounder, 2/142,
Kavundampalayam, Vathambacherry,
Sulthanpettai, Sulur, Coimbatore - 641669.

11.Chennimalai Alias Chenniyappan,
S/o. Palanisamy, 4/4, Kumarapalayam,
Kallimanthayam, Dindigul District.

12.R.Madhan Kumar,
S/o. Aarumugam, 13/50, Sivasubramanian
Nagar, Nehru Nagar West, Kalapatti,



Coimbatore - 14.

13. Duraisamy,

S/o. Velusamy, 374/20A, Cotton Mill
Residency, Pappa Nagar, Tiruppur - 3.
(R6 TO R13 IMPEADED VIDE ORDER
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..Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

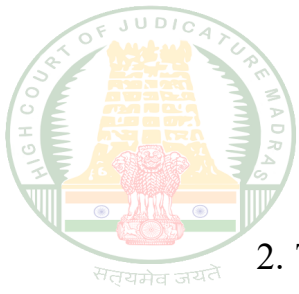
Ms.V.Srimathi for Mr.S.Vinodha

For Respondent(s):

Mr.M.Veerabatharan Prasanth, Government
Counsel (HR and CE) for R1 to R4

Order

When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that due to continuous malfunctions and malpractices, the 5th respondent was removed from the post of President of the Arulmigu Sellandiyamman Temple. When the matter stood thus, the 3rd respondent passed an order on 15.09.2021 appointing Executive Officer of the said Temple as a fit person. Challenging the said order, the present petition has been filed. At the instance of the 5th respondent, the Executive Officer of the Arulmigu Sellandiyamman Temple was indirectly appointed as the Fit Person to the Thambiraatiyamman Temple and has insisted on the handover of the temple administration.



2. The Executive Officer, who administers the management affairs of the Temple, cannot deal with the religious affairs of the temple, as he does not possess sufficient knowledge regarding the religious structure of the said Temple. Hence, the parties are directed to maintain status quo. The Executive Officer shall not involve into the religious affairs of the Temple in question.

Post the matter on 23.07.2026.

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