



WP(MD)NO.119



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02-02-2026

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WP(MD) NO. 1195 of 2026

Arulmigu Sankaranarayanaswamy Temple Sankarankoil,
Through its Deputy Commissioner / Executive Officer.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Tirunelveli.

2. The District Revenue Officer,
Tirunelveli.

3. The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mines,
Tirunelveli.

4. The Tasildar,
Cheranmadevi,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli.

5. S.Peter,
S.P.Bhavanam,
Mulavilai,
Viyannur Post,
Kanyakumari Taluk.

Respondent(s)

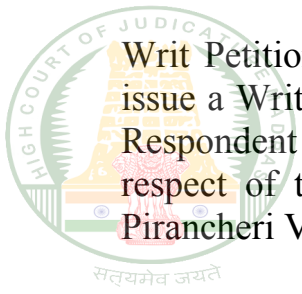
For Petitioner(s):

Mr.S.Manohar

For Respondent(s):

Mrs.S.Jeyapriya, Government Advocate for R1 to R4
Mr.S.Silambannan, senior counsel
for Mr.D.Saravanan for R5

Prayer:



Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorari calling for the records relating to the impugned order of the Respondent in Na.Ka.No.1907/Kanimam-2/2020 dated 23.12.2025 and quash the same in respect of the property of the Petitioner in Tirunelveli District, Cheranmadevi Taluk, Pirancheri Village, S.Nos.73, 100, 101, 119 and 120.



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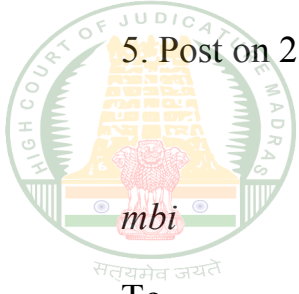
ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to restrain the fifth respondent from removing the subject stones, since the removal of stones is causing damage to the Temple properties.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the fifth respondent is removing the stones by blasting and the same is damaging the Temple properties, including the pathway.

3. The learned senior counsel appearing for the fifth respondent would submit that the excess stones from quarrying activities were kept in the Temple land. While so, the first respondent conducted auction for removal of those stones and the fifth respondent who is the successful bidder is now responsible to remove those stones. He would submit that without any damage to the Temple properties, particularly, the pathways of the Temple, entire stones would be removed. He would further submit that in the event of any damage caused to the Temple properties due to the usage of heavy vehicles, the same would be properly rectified by the fifth respondent.

4. In view of the submissions made on either sides, the fifth respondent is permitted to use only poclain to remove the subject stones from the Temple land and after such removal, shall report before this Court on 25.02.2026. It is made clear that no blasting can be made while removing the stones.



5. Post on 25.02.2026.



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