



W.P.(MD) No.1397 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 21.01.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

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R.Reghuvaran Gopan

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The Government of Tamilnadu
rep.by its Principal Secretary
Tourism, Culture and Religious
Endowment Department
Secretariat, Fort St.George
Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment
No.119, Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai-600 034
- 3.The District Collector
Kanyakumari District
Nagercoil
- 4.The Superintendent of Police
Kanyakumari District
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5.The Sub Collector
Padmanabapuram Revenue Division
Thuckalay
Kanyakumari District-629 175

6.The Thasildar
Thiruvattaru Taluk
Cheruppalur Post
Kanyakumari District-629 161

7.The Inspector of Police
Kulasekharam Police Station
Kulasekharam
Kanyakumari District-629 161

8.The Special Officer /
Block Development Officer
Ayacodu Village Panchayat
Thiruvattaru Post
Kanyakumari District-629 177

9.David

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents to implement the orders passed by the 3rd respondent made in Pa.Mu.C3/10989/2016 dated 21.01.2022 by demolishing the unauthorized usage of a residential building of the 9th respondent as Berachah Church based on the petitioner and village peoples representation dated 22.11.2024, 14.02.2025, 27.03.2025 and 11.01.2026 within the period stipulated by this Court with exemplary costs.



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For Petitioner : Mr.Ananth C.Rajesh

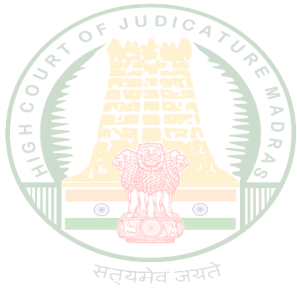
For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R3, R5, R6 & R8
Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for R4 & R7

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the Government Order in G.O.(Ms) No.04, Housing and Urban Development [UD4(1)] Department, dated 08.01.2026, is not applicable to the building of the ninth respondent. However, the official respondents are trying to convert the residential building of the ninth respondent into a religious place of worship.

2. Since this Court finds that there is a possibility of misusing the aforesaid Government Order by the private respondent, this writ petition is admitted and the official respondents are directed not to convert the building of the ninth respondent into any religious place of worship till the disposal of this writ petition.



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3. Notice to the respondents returnable by 04.03.2026. Private notice is also permitted.

4. Mr.J.Ashok, learned Additional Government Pleader, also takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3, 5, 6 & 8 and Mr.K.Gnanasekaran, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), also takes notice for the respondents 4 & 7.

5. Post the matter on 04.03.2026.

[G.J., J.]

[K.K.R.K., J.]

21.01.2026

NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

Internet : Yes / No

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To:

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