



W.A(MD)No.454 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 28.02.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Arulmigu Sambugamurthy Ayyanar Thirukovil,
Represented by its Hereditary Trustee,
S. Shanmugavel, Vengur,
Thiruverumbur,
Trichy District.

... Appellant

vs.

1. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.

2. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District.

3. C. Selvaraj,
Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District.



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4. Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District.

5. Inspector of Temples,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Thiruverumbur Circle,
Thiruverumbur, Tiruchirappalli District.

6. Banumathy,
Inspector of Temples,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Thiruverumbur Circle,
Thiruverumbur,
Tiruchirappalli District.

7. Natarajan ... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, against the order dated 27.02.2025 made in W.P(MD)No.5463 of 2025.

For Appellant : Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai for
Mr.N.C.Ashok Kumar

For R1, R2, R4 & R5 : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

For R7 : Mr.B.Saravanan, Senior Counsel for
M/s.B.Saravanan Associates

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was made by J.NISHA BANU, J.)

This writ appeal is filed against the order dated 27.02.2025 made in W.P(MD)



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2. Challenging the order dated 22.03.2022, passed by the second respondent, recognizing the private respondent as a hereditary trustee of Arulmigu Sambugamurthy Ayyanar Thirukovil, the writ petition was filed.

3. Considering the submission of the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 that the appellant / petitioner has the statutory appellate remedy provided under Section 69 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, the Writ Court disposed of the writ petition with the following direction:

"4. After considering the submissions made by both parties and also the fact that the petitioner has submitted a representation on 24.02.2025, this Court deem it appropriate to direct the third respondent to treat the representation of the petitioner as an appeal and shall consider the same on its own merits and in accordance with law. The third respondent is further directed to pass a reasoned speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order."

4. As an interim measure, the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department shall conduct the Kumbabishekam of Arulmigu



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Sambugamurthy Ayyanar Thirukovil, as scheduled. Both the appellant as well as the 7th respondent are restrained from conducting Kumbabishekam for the subject temple and both of them are permitted to participate in the Kumbabishekam as devotees.

5. List the writ appeal on 14.03.2025.

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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ORDER
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