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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **07.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

WA.(MD)No.454 of 2025
and
CMP.(MD)Nos.3579 & 3580 of 2025

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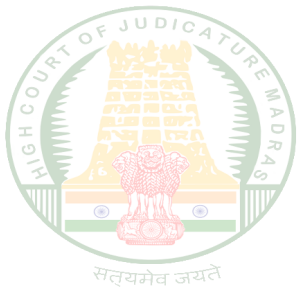
5. Inspector Of Temples
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
Thiruverumbur Circle
Thiruverumbur
Tiruchirappalli District.

6. Banumathy

7. Natarajan ... Respondents

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

For Appellant	: Mr.M.Saravanan, for Mr.N.C.Ashok Kumar
For R1, R2, R4 & R5	: Mr.J.Ashok, Additional Government Pleader
For R6	: Mr.V.Chandrasekar
For R7	: Mr.B.Kirubakaran, for M/s.B.Saravanan Associates.



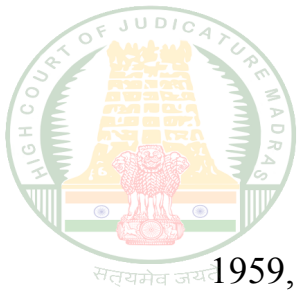
JUDGMENT

WEB COPY (Judgment of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

This writ appeal has been filed as against the order passed by the learned Single Judge in WP.(MD)No.5463 of 2025 dated 27.02.2025.

2.The Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Trichy has passed an order dated 22.03.2022 appointing the seventh respondent as hereditary trustee on the ground that he is the legal heir of one Sabapathi Pillai. Challenging the same, the appellant herein has filed the above said writ petition, on the ground that the seventh respondent has made a bogus claim and he is not actually legal heir of the said Sabapathi Pillai. The learned Single Judge by considering the fact that there is an appeal remedy is available, directed the third respondent to treat the appellant's representation as an appeal and to pass a reasoned speaking order on its own merits and in accordance with law.

3.As the appeal remedy is very much available under Section 69 of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act,



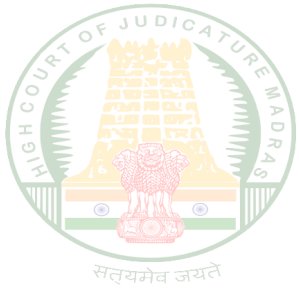
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1959, and as a detailed representation has already been submitted before the concerned authority, we do not find any infirmity in directing the third respondent to treat the representation of the appellant as an appeal. The appellant is permitted to file fresh grounds of appeal before the concerned authority, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On such filing of appeal, the concerned authority shall dispose the same, after hearing all the parties, who are all interested in this matter, within a period of three months, thereafter.

4. With the above directions, this writ appeal is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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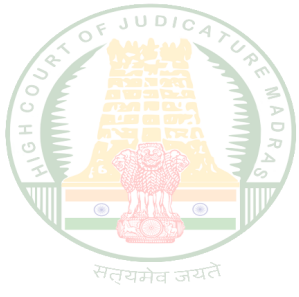
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