

W.P(MD)No.14821 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 23.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

**W.P(MD)No.14821 of 2020
and
W.M.P.(MD) Nos.12474 to 12476 of 2020**

N.Murugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Chennai.
- 2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Tirunelveli.
- 3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Board,
Tirunelveli.
- 4.The Fit Person/Thakkar,
Arulmigu Vadakkuva Selvi Amman Thirukovil,
Vadivammanpatti, Tirunelveli District.
- 5.The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Tirunelveli.
- 6.The Special Tahsildar,
Land Acquisition,
Inter Linking of Rivers Unit-6,
Nanguneri, Tirunelveli District.



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7.Nainar Naikar

8.S.Sukumar

9.The Superintendent of Police,
Idol Wing-CID, Thiru.Vi.Ka.Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai-32.

10.The Superintendent of Police,
Tirunelveli District.

11.The Inspector of Police,
Thisayanvilai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct respondents 1 to 4 to get the compensation amount for acquisition of land belongs to the temple for interlinking of river project and also take steps for installation of Moolvar idol and conduct consecration in the Arulmighu Vadakkuva Selvi Amman Temple, Kottailarungulam Village, Thisayanvilai Taluk, Tirunelveli District.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.D.Deepak Arasu For Mr.H.Arumugam
For RR1 to 6	:	Mr.P.Subbaraj Special Government Pleader
For R7	:	Mr.T.Sakthikumaran
For RR9 to 11	:	Mr.T.Senthilkumar Additional Public Prosecutor
Respondent-8	:	Not ready in notice



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted to direct respondents 1 to 4 to get the compensation amount for acquisition of land belongs to the temple for interlinking of river project and also take steps for installation of Moolavar idol and conduct consecration in the Arulmighu Vadakkuva Selvi Amman Temple, Kottailarungulam Village, Thisayanvilai Taluk, Tirunelveli District.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner raised an allegation that the compensation has been erroneously claimed by a third party.

3. The authorities are bound to verify the correctness of the ownership and thereafter settle the compensation for the lands acquired. It is needless to state that compensation in land acquisition proceedings are to be awarded in favour of the owner on production of necessary documents under the provisions of the Act.

4. Regarding allegation of theft of idols, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that a criminal case in Crime No.411



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of 2020 has been registered by the Thisayanvilai Police Station and the same is under investigation.

5. In view of the above clarification and submission made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, no further adjudication is required in this Writ Petition and the same stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

J.]

[S.M.S., J.]

[A.D.M.C.,

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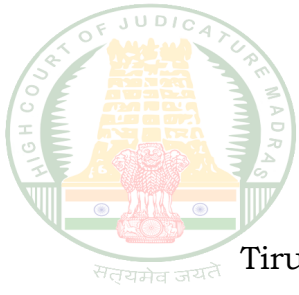
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