



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 30-04-2026

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WEB COPY THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP(MD) NO. 13876 of 2026

1. N.Ganesan
S/o.Natarajan
Door No.2/10
Middle Street
A.Suppulapuram
Elumalai Post
Peraiyur Taluk
Madurai District. Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department
Theni.
2. The Executive Officer
Arulmigu Sundara Mahalingaswamy Temple
Sathuragiri
Office at Watrap
Peraiyur Taluk
Madurai District. Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Govindarajan, for
R.Paranjothi
Vidhya S G
Prabu Karthick S
Kathirava P

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Sarangan, learned Additional Government Pleader(for R1)
Mr.S.Manohar (for R2)

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 notice dated 08.04.2026 issued under the style of Charge Memo by the 2nd respondent and quash the same as illegal and to pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.



ORDER



Issue notice of motion returnable by 3/6/2026.

Mr.M.Sarangan, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the first respondent.

Mr.M.Manohar, learned counsel takes notice for the second respondent.

3.Counter if any shall be filed by then.

4.It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is a hereditary trustee and the charge memorandum is issued by the Chief Executive Officer who does not have the jurisdiction. It is the contention of the learned counsel for the respondents that the petitioner is not a hereditary trustee but is only a poojari. When serious charges are made against him, it is only issued by the fit person. On a perusal of the charge memo, it can be seen that only by acting as the fit person, the same is issued. The learned counsel, in reply thereof, would submit that in this case there is not even a proper appointment of fit person.

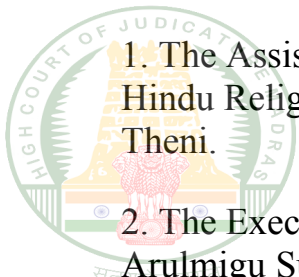
In view of the rival contentions, let there shall be an interim order to the effect that the petitioner can submit the explanation and the inquiry may go on and the final orders of punishment need not be passed until the writ petition is disposed of.

Call the matter on 03.06.2026 immediately after admission.

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