

W.P.(MD)No.14257 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 20.05.2026

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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and

W.M.P.(MD)No.10673 of 2026

V.Sankar

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Chennai.

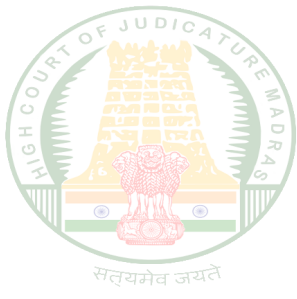
2.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
Thoothukudi District.

3.The Assistant Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Sri Sankaranarayanawamy Temple,
Sankarankovil, Tenkasi District.

4.K.M.R.Palmani

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd respondent to take action on petitioner's representations dated 28.04.2025 and 15.05.2026 seeking to protect the temple property and administer the Arulmighu Kavalparayan Temple.



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For Petitioner :Mr.R.J.Karthick
For R1 to R3 :Mr.A.Baskaran
Additional Government Pleader

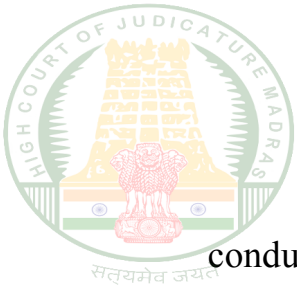
ORDER

Mr.A.Baskaran, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the respondents 1 to 3.

2.Issue notice to the fourth respondent returnable by 10.06.2026.
Private notice is also permitted.

3.Mr.R.J.Karthick, learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that renovation is done in an autocratic fashion in the temple by the fourth respondent and he has also proposed to conduct Kumbhabishekam.

4.Mr.A.Baskaran, learned Additional Government Pleader, who accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 1 to 3, on instructions, would submit that the temple comes under the HR & CE Department and therefore, without getting prior approval, Kumbhabishekam will not be



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conducted.

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5.In view thereof, let there be an order of status quo with reference to the renovation of the temple and no Kumbhabishekam shall also be conducted until the date of next hearing.

6.Post the matter on 10.06.2026.

20.05.2026

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