

W.P.(MD)No.16608 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 29.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

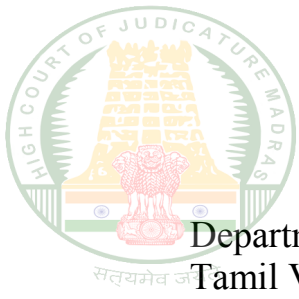
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S.Kamaraj @ Muthalankurichi Kamaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Union of India,
Rep. by the Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Culture,
Government of India,
501, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 015.
- 2.Archaeological Survey of India,
Rep., by the Director General,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
- 3.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep., by the Principal Secretary,
Department of Archaeology,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
- 4.Department of Archaeology,
Rep., by The Commissioner,



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Department of Archaeology,
Tamil Valarchivalaagam,
Thamizhsalai, Egmore,
Chennai-600 008.

5.The Superintending Archaeologist,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Trichy Circle, Trichy.

6.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Thoothukudi District.

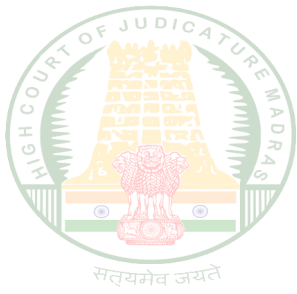
7.The Epigraphical Society of India,
Rep., by its Director,
Mysore, India

...Respondents

(R7 is *suo motu* impleaded vide Court order dated 24.11.2020 in W.P.(MD)No. 16608 of 2020)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, for pleased to depute a team of expert archeologist to visit the archeological remains in Marudur dam in the Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District and conduct archeological excavations by using latest scientific methods and collect all the samples and artifacts from Marudur dam in the Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District and send the said artifacts for carbon dating analysis and to publish excavation and finding report on the excavation at Marudur dam in the Srivaikundam Taluk, Thoothukudi District within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani



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For R1, R2 : Mr.K.Govindarajan,
Deputy Solicitor General of India
For R3 to R6 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,
Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by ***S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.***)

With reference to the relief sought for in the present Writ Petition, the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 3 to 6 would submit that the Department of Archaeology conducted an inspection and found that the excavation in the subject site is not feasible. Therefore, no further adjudication needs to be undertaken in this petition and thus, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

(S.M.S., J.) & (A.D.M.C., J.)
29.07.2025

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No

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To

1.The Principal Secretary,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Department of Archaeology,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.

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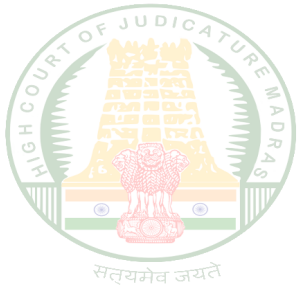


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