

W.P(MD)No.22596 of 2018

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **02-12-2025**

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

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Narayanmoorthy

Vs

Petitioner

1.The State Of Tamilnadu,
Rep.By The Its Principal Secretary
Department Of School Education And
Sports And Youth Welfare (archaeology)
Fort.St.George
Chennai-9.

2.State Of Tamilnadu
Rep.By The Commissioner
Department Of Archaeology
Tamil Valarchi Valaagam
Thamizh Salai
Egmore
Chennai-8.

3.The District Collector
O/o.The District Collector
Dindigul Dt.



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4.The Archaeological Survey Of India
Represented By Its Director General
Janpath
New Delhi.

5.The Superintending
Archaeologist
Archaeological Survey Of India
Bangalore Circle 5th Floor
5 Wing Kendriya Sadan
17th Main Road
Koramangala
Bangalore.

Respondent(s)

(R4 & R5 are Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Court Order Dt.13/02/19)

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.R.Alagumani
B.Dhanasekaran

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Thilak Kumar

Spl. Gp. Memo Filed For R1 to 3
Mr.V.Kathirvelu

M/s.Aayiram K.Selvakumar Memo Of App For R4

Prayer: To issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to take action for excavation and scientific research in the Archaeological site of Iraviamangalam, which is situating 12 K.M apart from Western Side of the Palani in Latutide -10.25.47 degree North, Longitude -77.26.18 degree East, Dindigul District.



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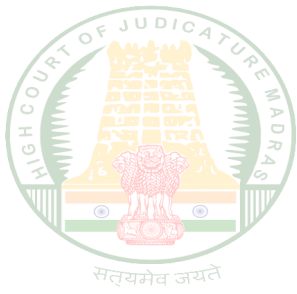
ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble **DR G.JAYACHANDRAN J.**)

The writ petition in W.P(MD)No.22596 of 2018 is filed to order the Government for excavation and scientific research in the Archaeological site of Iraviamangalam village near Palani, on the western side.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that ancient village has deleted evidence of the Sangam Age Tamil Culture due to neglect those deleted evidence are being destroyed. Hence, the Government should take necessary action to excavate and preserve the monumental pieces.

3.The Assistant Director of Tamil Nadu, Archeiology Department, Madurai, has filed counter stating that though there are some remains of ancient Sangam Age, they have boken extensively and no archaeological aspect can trace if excavation is done. According to his report, the remains



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in the site fully destroyed and there will be no purpose in excavation.

However, the photographs shown by the learned counsel for the petitioner reveals that still there are materials which will be of much historical value to know about the Sangam age culture.

4. Therefore, the Tamil Nadu, Archaeology Department, the Chief of Tamil Nadu Archaeology is hereby directed to visit the place along with other experts and file a detailed report regarding the possibility of excavation of the site for the progeny to know about the ancient tamil culture. The petitioner is permitted to provide inputs regarding the site to the team during the visit.

5. List the matter on 21.01.2026.

[G.J., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
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NCC : Yes / No
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