

W.P.(MD)No.22596 of 2018

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 30.06.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **C.V.KARTHIKEYAN**
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **R.SAKTHIVEL**

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Narayanamoorthy

... Petitioner

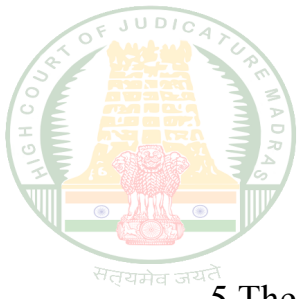
vs.

1.The State of Tamilnadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary,
Department of School Education and
Sports and Youth Welfare (Archaeology),
Fort.St.George, Chennai-9.

2.State of Tamilnadu,
Represented by the Commissioner,
Department of Archaeology,
Tamil Valarchi Valaagam,
Thamizh Salai, Egmore, Chennai- 600 008.

3.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Dindigul District.

4.The Archaeological Survey of India,
Represented by its Director General,
Janpath, New Delhi.



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

... Respondents

(R4 and R5 were *suo motu* impleaded vide order of this Court, dated 13.0.2019)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of 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 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner	:Mr.R.Alagumani
For R1 to R3	:Mr.K.K.Udhaykumar Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu
For R4 and R5	:No Appearance *****



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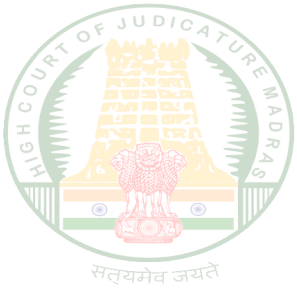
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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **C.V. KARTHIKEYAN, J.**)

The second respondent/Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Tamil Valarchi Valaagam, Thamizh Salai, Egmore, Chennai- 600 008, may give the names of the individuals, who are the members of the committee/experts, who have visited Iraviamangalam Village near Palani Taluk on the western side consequent to directions of this Court; the date of the visit; the time spent during that visit; the work done during that visit; and the number of persons, who assisted them during that visit may be given in the report.

2.The petitioner was directed to give inputs to the team. The inputs which the petitioner had given may be filed before this Court by way of a written affidavit. If these details are not disclosed, it will only be an exercise in futility with the Court issuing directions and the respondents stating that they would comply with the directions and effectively not discharging any direction.



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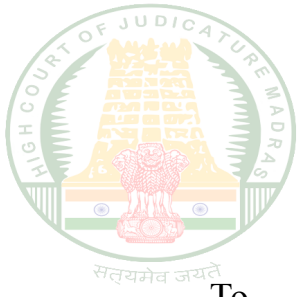
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3.For providing the details, as aforementioned, call the matter on
08.07.2026

4.It is to be noted that there is no representation on behalf of the 4th
and 5th respondents, who had been impleaded by this Court *suo motu*.
The learned counsel for the petitioner may serve all the relevant records
in the office of the Deputy Solicitor General and also inform that the next
hearing date is on 08.07.2026.

[C.V.K., J.] [R.S.V., J.]
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