

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 13.07.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

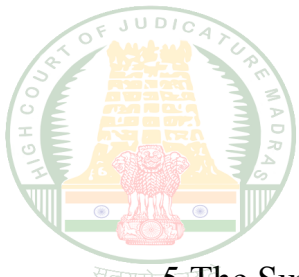
W.P(MD)No.22596 of 2018

Narayanamoorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep.by its Principal Secretary,
Department of School Education and
Sports and Youth Welfare (Archaeology),
Fort.St.Geore, 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 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 & R5 are Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Order dated 13/02/19]

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 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 Latitude -10.25.47 degree North, Longitude -77.26.18 degree East, Dindigul District within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani
For Respondents : Mr.K.K.Udhayakumar (R1 to R3)
Counsel for the State
Mr.K.Govindarajan (R4 & R5)
Deputy Solicitor General of India

ORDER

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

The second respondent to file a report in accordance with the directions issued in the order dated 30.06.2026.



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[C.V.K, J.] [R.S.V, J.]
13.07.2026

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