

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

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 06.08.2026

CORAM:

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

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Narayanmoorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

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.

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.

... Respondents

(R4 & R5 are *suo motu* impleaded vide order dated 13.02.2019)



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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 Latutide -10.25.47 degree North, Longitude -77.26.18 degree East, Dindigul District.

For Petitioner	: Dr.R.Alagumani
For R1 to R3	: Mr.K.K.Udayakumar, Counsel for State of TN
For R4 & R5	: Mr.Karthikeya Venkatachalapathy, Additional Solicitor General of India.

ORDER

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

The fourth respondent/ Director General of the Archaeological Survey Of India may examine the proposal forwarded by the State Government and take appropriate decision taking into consideration the historical value of the site and its importance in understanding the early lives of this area and file a report.



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2.For filing such report, list the matter on first week of

February, 2027.

[C.V.K., J.] & [R.S.V., J.]
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Index :Yes/No
Internet :Yes
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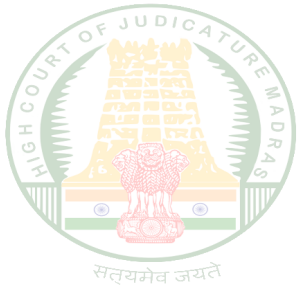
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