



W.P.(MD)No.23708 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 07.10.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

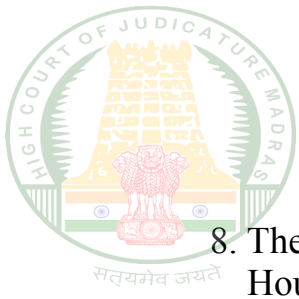
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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

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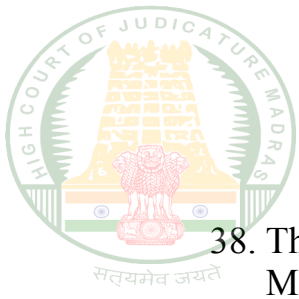
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PRAYER:- Writ Petition - filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 to 71 to secure and safeguard the 70th respondent temple and its sub temples and its administrations and expedite the renovation and consecration ceremony of 70th respondent temple by considering petitioner's representations dated 20.03.2025, 29.03.2025 and 26.08.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Radhakrishnan
(Party-in-Person)
For Respondents : Mr.Bhavanidharan
for Mr.J.Ashok
(R1 to R13, 16 to 31, R37 to R56 & R61
to R69)
Additional Government Pleader
: Ms.D.Ramya (R70 & R71)
for Mr.B.Ashok
: Mr.P.Anbunidhi (R60)

: Mr.P.Kottaichamy
(R32 to 36 & R57 to 59)
Government Advocate
: Mr.S.P.Maharajan
(R14 & R15)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **DR.ANITA SUMANTH, J.**)

Read this order in continuation and in conjunction with earlier order dated 04.09.2025.

2.Additional status report dated 07.10.2025 has been filed by 71st respondent along with 7 volumes of annexures and a copy of the report and complete annexures are supplied to Mr.Radhakrishnan now.



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3. According to the respondents, the annexures are comprehensive and set out all details sought for under paragraph 4 of order dated 04.09.2025.

4. Let the petitioner peruse the same carefully and file his response within a period of one week from today (07.10.2025) setting out omissions, if any, in relation to the properties or other particulars, of which he is aware, that have not been covered either in the report or annexures. The response as aforesaid is to be finalized by 14.10.2025 and forwarded to the respondents for assimilation and verification at their end.

5. Since the petitioner states that perusal of the original temple registers and records would assist in making proper observations in regard to the details now supplied, he is permitted to attend the office of R-71 on 10.10.2025 at 11.00 a.m.. He shall be granted audience and given access to the records, that he may peruse in the office.

6. R14/Commissioner of Revenue Administration and R15/Commissioner of Land Administration are directed to verify the records that are now produced (Additional status report and Annexures) and certify whether there is a match between the survey numbers of the properties as set out in the temple records, and the revenue records.



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Discrepancies, if any, will be meticulously flagged and reported in a comprehensive report that will be filed before the next hearing. A copy thereof must be supplied to the petitioner two days prior to the next date of hearing.

7.The above directions are in furtherance of the minutes of the Chief Secretary, to Government/R1 dated 23.08.2021, in this regard.

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வருவாய்துறை

i. திருக்கோயிலுக்குச் சொந்தமான நிலங்கள் எவ்வளவு என்பதையும், அதனை அளவீடு செய்வதற்கும் இந்து சமய அறநிலையத்துறை மற்றும் நில நிர்வாக ஆணையரகத்துடன் இணைந்து ஆவணங்களுடன் சரிபார்க்கப்பட வேண்டும்.

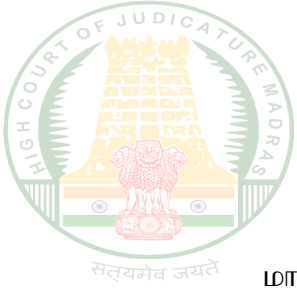
ii. தனி நபர் பெயரில் பட்டா வழங்குவதை தவிர்த்தல் வேண்டும். மேலும், நில நிர்வாக ஆணையர் மற்றும் வருவாய் நிர்வாக ஆணையர்கள் உதவியுடன் வருவாய்த் துறையும், இந்து சமய அறநிலையத்துறையும் இணைந்து, திருக்கோயில் நிலத்தினை வருவாய்த் துறை ஆவணங்களுடன் ஒப்புநோக்கி, ஆக்கிரமிப்பு செய்யப்பட்ட நிலங்களை கண்டறிந்து ஆக்கிரமிப்பாளர்களை அகற்றுவதற்கு அறிவியல் பூர்வமான நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

iii. திருக்கோயில்களுக்குச் சொந்தமான அசையா சொத்துக்கள் தனி நபர் பெயரில் தவறுதலாக பட்டா மாற்றம் செய்யப்பட்ட இனங்கள் இவற்றை கண்டறிந்து அவற்றை திருக்கோயில் பெயரில் மாற்றம் செய்தல் வேண்டும்.

iv. வருவாய்த் துறையில் நடைபெறும் வருடாந்திர ஜமாபந்தியில் திருக்கோயில் நிலங்கள் யாவும் கள ஆய்வுக்கு உட்படுத்தப்படவேண்டும், மேலும், அத்தகைய நிலங்களில் ஆக்கிரமிப்பு குறித்த விவரங்களைப் பட்டியலிடுதல் வேண்டும்.

பதிவுத்துறை

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மாண்புமையுள்ள சென்னை உயர்நீதிமன்ற மதுரை கிளையால் உறுதி செய்யப்பட்டவாறு, ஏற்கனவே வழங்கப்பட்ட சுற்றறிக்கையின்படி பதிவுத்துறை சட்டம் 22ஏ-ஐ பின்பற்றி, திருக்கோயில் சொத்துக்களை சட்டவிரோதமாக பரிவர்த்தனை செய்வதை தடுத்திட நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டும்.

பொதுத்துறை

மாவட்ட வாரியாக சட்டம் (ம) ஒழுங்கினை பராமரிக்க மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர்கள் நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்க வேண்டும். இதற்குத் தேவையான அனைத்து நடவடிக்கைகளையும், காவல்துறை உள்ளடக்கித் துறை. தமிழ்நாடு மின்உற்பத்தி (ம) மின்பகிர்மானக் கழகம், பொதுப்பணித்துறை, வனத்துறை மற்றும் இதர துறைகளுடன் இணைந்து நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டும்.

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8.Such certification will be produced by 23.10.2025.

9.List on 23.10.2025.

[A.S.M.J.] & [C.K.J.]
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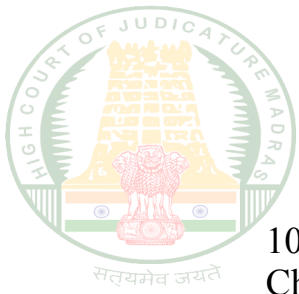
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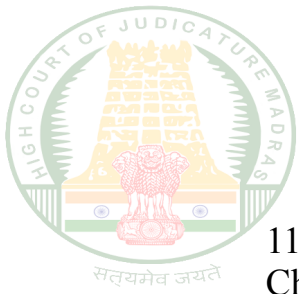


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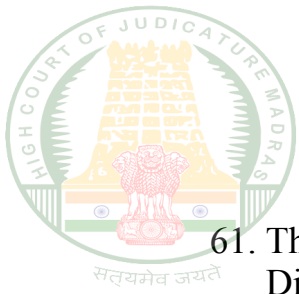
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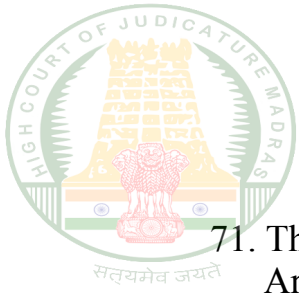
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