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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 26.11.2025

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

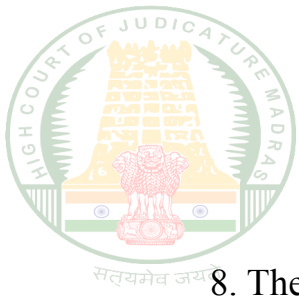
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A.Radhakrishnan

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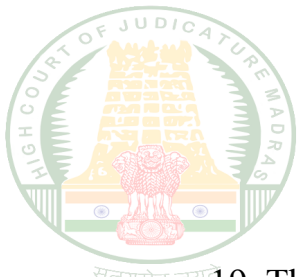
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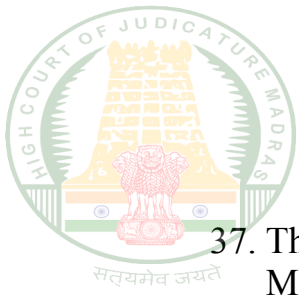
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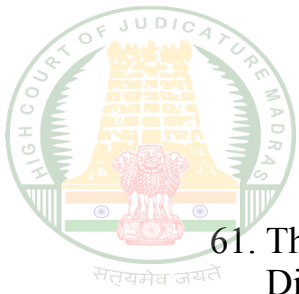
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... Respondents

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.Murali
for Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R13, 16 to 31,
R37 to R56 & R61 to R69
: Mr.P.Anbunidhi for R60
: Mr.P.Kottaichamy,
Government Advocate
for R32 to 36 & R57 to 59
: Mr.S.P.Maharajan,
Special Government Pleader
for R14, R15

ORDER

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

Read this order in continuation of and in conjunction with
order dated 17.11.2025 that reads as follows:



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Certification report is filed by R14 and R15. Para 7 of the report reads as follows:

“7.I submit that since the lands have undergone several changes and merges due to various factors such as the implementation of various schemes, including the Updating Registry Scheme (UDR), Town Survey and Settlement Scheme and Natham Settlement Scheme. Moreover, the records of the Temples also do not match with our records as they do not reveal the exact present survey numbers and four boundaries. Hence, the identification of the lands in this format (Annexures I to VII) could not be matched and ascertained exactly. The meaning of the Kattalai lands, details of donated lands could not be matched. Additionally, the reorganization of districts from the former Madurai District has created challenges in correlating and identifying the current villages and survey numbers, particularly within Corporation and Municipal Towns.”

2.At para 8, it is suggested that a joint comparison of records may be undertaken with the filed level staff both in the HR & CE Department and Revenue Department. Let this joint exercise be undertaken immediately. The date of meeting is fixed as 22.11.2025. The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m., in the office of the Joint Commissioner, HR & CE Department, Madurai. Necessary records will be produced by the revenue officials on that date for comparison and for proper matching.

3.Some photographs of the entrance of the Meenakshi Amman Temple are produced to show that the renovation work has not taken note of either temple architecture or aesthetics. Let necessary instructions be obtained as to why polished granite has been laid upon the old granite and whether necessary approvals have been obtained from the Commissioner of HR & CE Department. Those documents will be produced on the next date of hearing.

4.It is also brought to our notice that cooking is undertaken near the Vinayagar Temple.

5.Mr.Bharanidharan, learned counsel, is quick to convey that there is a proposal to shift all cooking activities presently undertaken inside the temple barring the Madappalli to a location outside the temple in order that the temple premises are maintained in a pristine condition. This is to be done expeditiously and the temple will confirm how soon this exercise may be completed.

6.List on 26.11.2025 for compliance.



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2. Mr.Murali, learned counsel for Mr.J.Ashok, learned Additional Government Pleader, seeks one day to file the written report as regards the direction in paragraph no.2 of order dated 17.11.2025.

3. A representation made on 04.04.2024 by the petitioner relating to the issuance of patta for some of the temple properties and proceedings in Na.Ka.No.64332/2013/D3, dated 07.07.2022 are placed before us today, copies of which are handed over to Mr.Murali. The report of the authorities will contain a response to the aforesaid as well.

4. As far as paragraph no.3 is concerned, he says that no approval has been obtained for the placement of the polished granite on the old original stone. However, that work was done in 2007 / 2008 and no records are available. We record this with great sadness.

5. As far as the direction at paragraphs 4 and 5 is concerned, Mr.Murali states that, in principle it has been accepted to move the cooking to an outside location. This is recorded. An affidavit will be filed on 28.11.2025 in this regard.

6. Affidavit and report will be served on Mr.Radhakrishnan tomorrow i.e., 27.11.2025.



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7. List on 28.11.2025.

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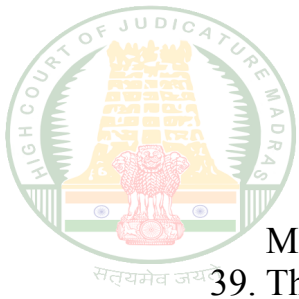
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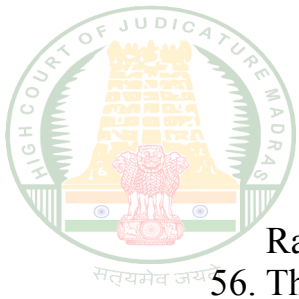


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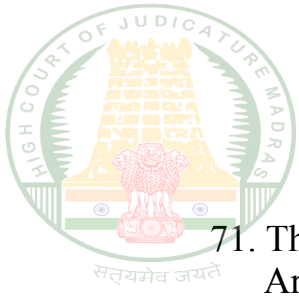
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