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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

W.P.(MD)No.23708 of 2025
and WMP(MD)No.18583 of 2025

A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

2. The Vigilance Commissioner,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

3. The Secretary to Government,
Public Department, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.

4. The Secretary to Government,
Human Resources Development Department,

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Revenue Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

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Home Department, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.

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Commercial Taxes and Registrations Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

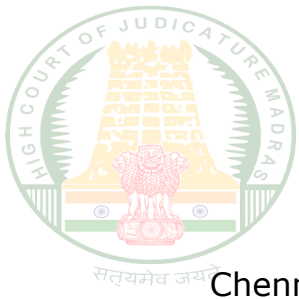
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Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

10. The Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

11. The Secretary to Government,
Energy Department, Secretariat,

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Natural Resources Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

13. The Secretary to Government,
Tourism Culture and Endowments Department,
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Chennai 600 005.

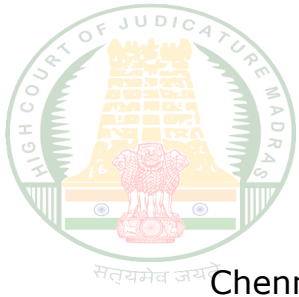
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Chennai 600 005.

16. The Commissioner of Land Reforms,
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Chennai 600 005.

17. The Commissioner of Survey and Settlements,
Survey House, Cheppakkam,
Chennai 600 005.

18. The Inspector General of Registrations,
100, Santhome High Road,

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Chennai 600 028

19. The Commissioner of Municipal Administration,
Santhome High Road,
Chennai 600 028.

20. The Director of Town Panchayats,
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21. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Panagal Building, Saidhapettai,
Chennai 600 015.

22. The Commissioner of Town and Country Planning,
Koyambedu, Chennai 600 107.

23. The Chairman Tamil Nadu Generation
and Distribution Corporation Limited,
144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.

24. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai 600 032.

25. The Commissioner, Hindu Religious and
Charitable Endowments,
119, Gandhi Adigal Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.



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Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.

27. The Additional Commissioner (Enquiries),
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments,
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Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.

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31. The Director of Hindu Religious and
Charitable Endowments Departments Audit,
Theynampet, Chennai 600 018.

32. The Director General of Police/
Head of the Police Force,
Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 004.

33. The Additional Director General of Police,
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Intelligence, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 004.

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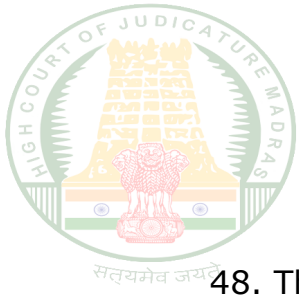
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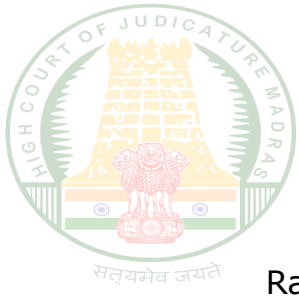
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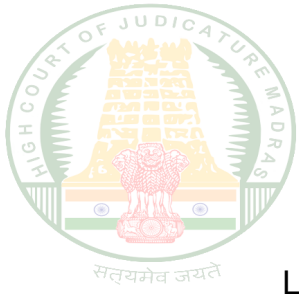


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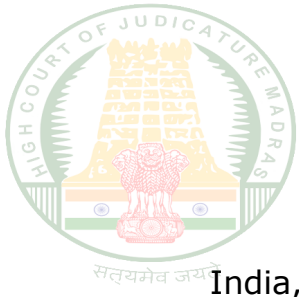
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Land Records Department, Madhurai.

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71. The Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer,
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Swamy and Sub Temples,
Madhurai. ... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of

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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.Bharanidharan
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

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ORDER

(Made by DR.ANITA SUMANTH, J.)

Read this order in continuation of and in conjunction with earlier orders.

2. Report dated 27.11.2025 is placed before us. The report states that, as far as the certification of R14 and 15 is concerned, the work of tallying the revenue records with the temple records is on-going. Barring Tuticorin, the remaining eight Districts i.e., Madurai, Dindigul, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Trichy and Theni have participated in the joint meeting conducted on 24.11.2025 and are in the process of providing the data in the revenue records relating to temple properties.

3. A draft report is placed before us, a copy of which is given to Mr.Radhakrishnan as well. This effort will continue and a comprehensive report will be furnished, jointly signed and counter-signed by the revenue as well as temple officials, by the next date of hearing.

4. Exception is taken to the fact that the officials in Tuticorin

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are not in compliance with the directions of this Court. It is reiterated that the officials in Tuticorin will participate, provide necessary data and complete the exercise as directed aforesaid.

5. Coming to the conduct of commercial cooking inside the temple premises, Mr.Bharani requests some time to provide a detailed report in regard to the measures under contemplation for their streamlining, and we grant him time finally, till the next date of hearing. The suggestion relating to shifting of the commercial kitchen to the vacant godown is not accepted and shall not be proceeded with.

6. Mr.Radhakrishnan has circulated a set of videos indicating the haphazard, hazardous and unhygienic conditions found in the commercial kitchens. These videos have been forwarded to Mr.Bharani as well for immediate action, forthwith.

7. The authorities shall produce photographs/videos of the commercial kitchen after the cleaning is complete on the next date of hearing.

8. This Court notes the undertakings at paragraphs 5 and 6 of the additional status report dated 27.11.2025 and directs compliance thereof, by the next date of hearing.

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9. List on 06.01.2026.

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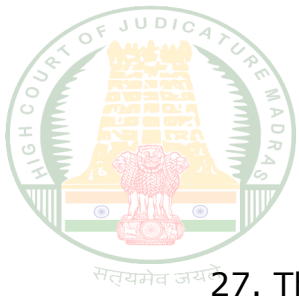
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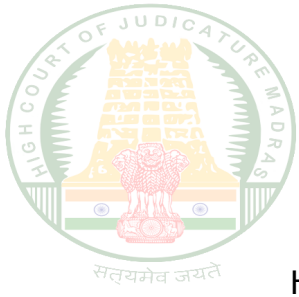
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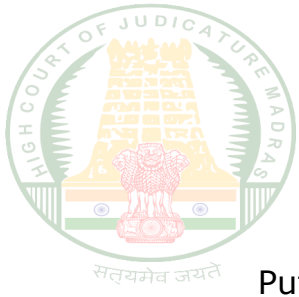
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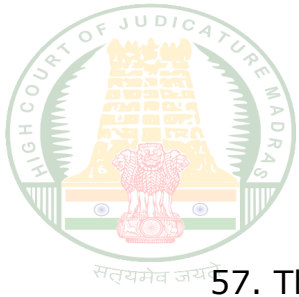
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