



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

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: **11.06.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**

AND

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

/Vs./

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4. The Secretary to Government,
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7. The Secretary to Government,
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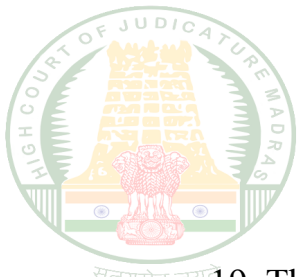
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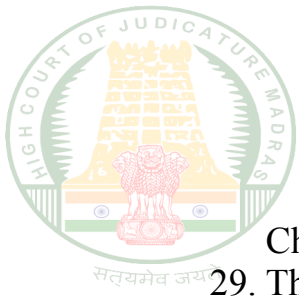
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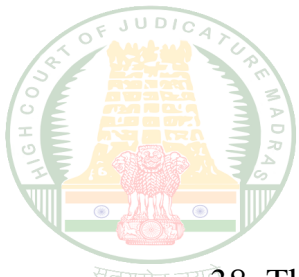
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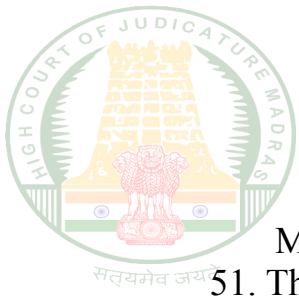
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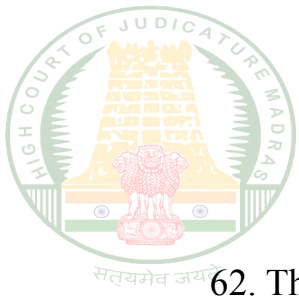
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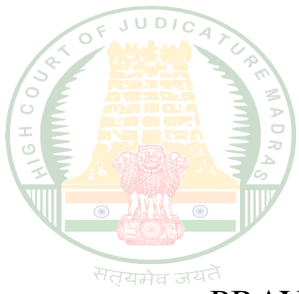
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PRAYER:- Writ Petition - filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 to 71 to secure and safeguard the 70th respondent temple and its sub temples and its administrations and expedite 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.R.Murali (R70 & R71)
: Mr.P.Anbunidhi (R60)
: Mr.I.Murugesan
(R32 to 36 & R57 to 59)
Government Advocate
: Mr.M.P.Senthil
(R14, R15, R16 to R31)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

It is submitted by the temple authorities that pursuant to the earlier direction to shift the kitchen to an outside location, a tender has been floated and the work is in progress. It is further submitted that the shifting process will be completed before Kumbabishekam.



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2.It is also submitted that the renovation of the Veeravasundharayar Mandapam will be done preserving the aesthetic features of its original structure.

3.With regard to the reconciliation of the temple records, it is submitted that meetings have been conducted by the District Collectors of Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Virudhunagar, and Pudukkottai. Pursuant thereto, steps have been initiated to identify the encroachers of the temple land and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

4.The respondents are directed to file a detailed status report before the next date of hearing indicating;

(i) the nature and extent of the renovation works carried out in the Veeravasundharayar Mandapam and the expected date of its completion;

(ii) the progress made in shifting the kitchen to an alternative location;



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(iii) the details of the inspection conducted in respect of the

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(iv) the steps taken for removal of encroachments from the temple properties in all Districts.

5.List on 06.07.2026.

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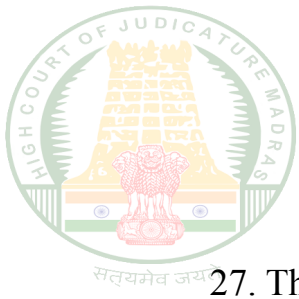
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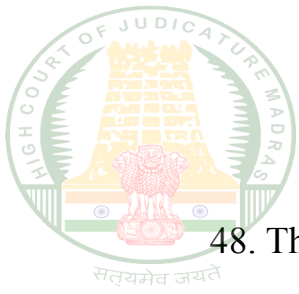
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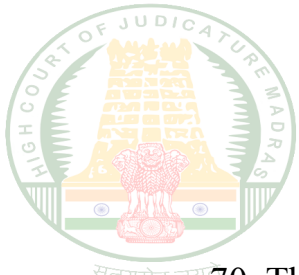
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