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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 20.07.2026

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

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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chief Secretary to Government,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009 and 70 others

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 2 to 71 to secure and safeguard the 70th respondent temple and its sub temples and its administrations and expediate the renovation and consecration ceremony of 70th respondent temple by considering petitioners representation dated 20.03.2025, 29.03.2025 and 26.08.2025.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Radhakrishnan,
Party-in-Person

For R70 & R71 : Mr.R.Murali

For R60 : P.Anbunidhi



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For R32 to R36,
R57 to R59 : Mr.I.Murugesan
For R32 to R35 : Mr.P.Vetrivel,
Government Advocate(Crl.side)
For R37 to R56,
R61 to R69 : Mr.M.P.Senthil,
Counsel for State of TN.

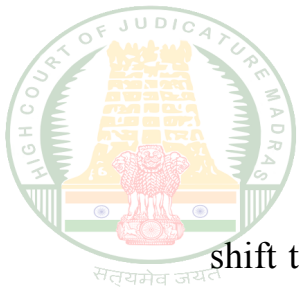
ORDER

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

Status report had been filed by the Commissioner /Executive Officer of Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundhareshwarar Swamy Temple. The same is recorded.

2.We deeply appreciate the steps taken for the renovation of the Veera Vasantharayar Mandapam, which was damaged in a fire accident that took place on 02.02.2018. Restoration of any construction, more importantly a religious construction, after a fire accident is an onerous task and the steps stated in the status report will have to be appreciated by us.

3.With respect to the kitchen, relating to which we had sought clarification, it had additionally been stated that steps have been taken to



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shift the kitchen to another appropriate place and to construct a modular kitchen. It had been stated that tenders had been called for and work order had also been issued on 14.07.2026. It had been assured that the kitchen would be shifted on or before 10.09.2026.

4. With respect to the encroachments of both the land and agricultural lands of the Temple, steps taken have been stated in the status report.

5. The petitioner, who appears as party in person, however, states that specific details have not been given. It has also been contented that substantial amounts are due and receivable by the Temple by way of arrears.

6. The petitioner seeks time to appear in person. Acceding to his request, list this matter once again on 29.07.2026.

[C.V.K., J.] & [R.S.V., J.]
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To

1.The Chairman Board of Trustees/Fit Person,
Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundhaareshwarar Swamy,
And Sub Temples,
Madhurai.

2.The Joint Commissioner/Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundhaareshwarar Swamy,
And Sub Temples,
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