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WA(MD) NO. 40 of 2026
BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WA(MD) NO. 40 of 2026

1. G.Shanmugasundaram
S/o. Ganesha Pattar
3/7, Agraharam street
Thiruvedagam
Vadipatti Taluk
Madurai District.

Appellant(s)

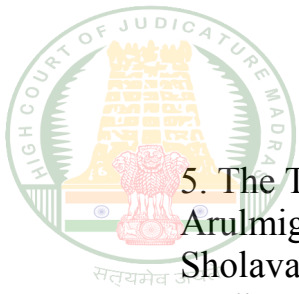
Vs

1. The Commissioner
HR and CE Department
Nungambakkam
Chennai.

2. The Joint Commissioner
HR and CE Department
Madurai.

3. The Asst Commissioner
Arulmighu Jenagai Mariamman Temple
Sholavanthan
Vadipatti Taluk
Madurai District.

4. The Executive Officer
Arulmighu Jenagai Mariamman Temple
Sholavanthan
Vadipatti Taluk
Madurai District.



5. The Trust Board/Fit Person
Arulmighu Jenagai Mariamman Temple
Sholavanthan
Vadipatti Taluk
Madurai District.

6. V. Shanmugavel
S/o. Veeramalai Pillai
15-6-180
Veerapillai Sandhu
South Car Street
Sholavanthan
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Madurai District.

Respondent(s)

For Appellant(s):

S.Sivailayaraja
R.S.T. Ravanani @ Ramasubramanian

For Respondent(s):

Mr.J.Ashok,
Additional Government Pleader for R1 & R2
Mr.S.Manohar, for R4

Prayer:

Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent, praying to prefer this Memorandum of Grounds of Writ Appeal aggrieved over the order passed by his Lordship Honourable Mr.Justice. K.KUMARESH BABU in W.P.(MD). No. 17419 of 2025 dated on 10.10.2025 and to set aside the same by allowing the appeal for the following among other grounds.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble G.Jayachandran J.)

The appellant herein being aggrieved by the dismissal of his Writ Petition on the ground of laches has filed appeal stating that the notification dated 07.07.2021 for recruiting Poojari never been withdrawn by the HR &



CE Department. However, after calling the petitioner for interview, they have not proceeded further in view of the writ petition filed by the sixth respondent in W.P.(MD)No.14699 of 2021, which came to be dismissed on 27.08.2024 as withdrawn.

2.Learned Counsel for the appellant contends that taking advantage of the announcement in the floor of the assembly under Rule 110, the HR & CE Department is trying to absorb the sixth respondent for the post of Poojari, which is in contradiction to the recruitment rules.

3.Taking note of the said submission, we direct the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the HR & CE Department to file a report whether there is any attempt by the department to absorb poojaris otherwise than the procedure established under the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious Institution Employees [Conditions of Service Rules], 2020.

4.Call on **11.02.2026**.

(G.JAYACHANDRAN J.) (K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN J.)
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