

SECTION XII

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

**PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CIVIL) Nos. 13437 AND
13694 OF 2016 AND 824 OF 2017**

WITH

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 1

(Application for exemption from filing Official Translation
in SLP(C) Nos. 13437 and 13694 of 2016)

WITH

PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

K. S. Kuppusamy Etc.

...Petitioners

-Versus-

The Commissioner Hindu Religious &
Charitable Endowments Department,
Nungambakkam & Ors. Etc.

...Respondents

OFFICE REPORT

SLP(C) Nos. 13437 AND 13694 OF 2016

The matter above mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble
Court on 20th March, 2017, when the Court was pleased to pass
the following order:-

"Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, learned senior counsel
and Amicus Curiae appointed by this Court, has
invited our attention to the following nine
issues:-

1. Administration of Temples.
2. Oversight of Administration of Temples.
3. Pujas and Maintenance of Temples and
Maintenance of Archakas.
4. Administration of properties belonging to the
Temple.
5. How should income from properties of the Temple
be used for the benefit of the Temple as also for
religious and charitable purposes.
6. How to deal with encroachment into the Temple
property.
7. Preservation and restoration of ancient
Temples.
8. Public entry into Temples.
9. Principle of rent determination for the
properties of the
Temple.

We direct the Commissioner, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Department of the State to file his response to the issues highlighted by the learned Amicus Curiae. The needful shall be done within four weeks from today.

Post the matter along with SLP (C) No. 824 of 2017 on 21.04.2017."

It is submitted that pursuant to above quoted order, Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna, Advocate for Respondent No. 1 and 2 in SLP(C) No. 13437 of 2016 and Respondent No. 2 to 4 in SLP(C) No. 13694 of 2016 has not filed response so far.

SLP(C) Nos. 824 OF 2017

The matter above mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Court on 6th January, 2017, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

**"Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material.
Delay condoned.
Exemption from filing certified copy of the impugned judgment and O.T. is granted.
Issue notice.
Tag with Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.13694 of 2016."**

It is submitted that show cause notice was issued to all the five Respondents by Registered A.D. Post on 24th January, 2017. Mr. K.K. Mani, Advocate has on 15th February, 2017 filed Vakalatnama on behalf of Respondent No. 5 but he has not filed Counter Affidavit. AD Card duly signed received back from Respondent No. 2 but no one has entered appearance on his behalf. As per track report, article has been delivered to Respondent Nos. 1,3 and 4 but no one has entered appearance on their behalf.

Thereafter, the matter above mentioned was listed before the Ld. Registrar's Court on 12th April, 2017, when the following order was passed:-

"Four weeks time as last chance is given to the respondent No.5 to file the counter affidavit. Service is complete on the respondent Nos.1,2,3 & 4, but no one has entered appearance on their behalf. List the matter before the Hon'ble Court as per rules after expiry of four weeks."

It is submitted that Counsel for the Respondent No. 5 has not filed Counter Affidavit so far. Mr. M.A. Chinnasamy, Advocate has on 19th April, 2017 filed Vakalatnama/Appearance and Counter Affidavit on behalf of Respondent No. 1. The said Counter Affidavit is being circulated to the Hon'ble Court.

Service is complete in all the matters.

The matters alongwith application above mentioned are listed before the Hon'ble Court with this office report.

Dated this the 20th day of April, 2017.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Copy to: Mr. K.K. Mani, Advocate
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