

W.P(MD)No.19106 of 2026

WEB COPY **BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

DATED : 08.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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Subramanian

... Petitioner(s)

vs.

1.The District Collector / Inspector of Panchayats,
Pudukkottai,
Pudukkottai District.

2.The District Revenue Officer,
Pudukkottai,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Pudukkottai, Pudukkottai District.

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4.The Tahsildar,
Ponnamaravathy,
Pudukkottai District.

5.The Block Development Officer,
Ponnamaravathy,
Pudukkottai District.

6.The Special Officer / Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat),
Koppanapatti Village Panchayat,
Ponnamaravathy,
Pudukkottai District.

7.The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Konnaiyar Muthumariyamman Temple,
Ponnamaravathy,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to consider the petitioners representation dated 05.06.2026 and consequentially direct the 1st respondent to issue tender notification by the 6th respondent for the temporary shops establish during the punguni peruvizha held at Konnaiyur Muthumariamman Temple, Konnaiyur, Ponnamaravathi Taluk, Pudukkottai District



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Senthil Kumar
For R1 to R4 : Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff, Counsel for State
For R5 & R6 : Ms.K.R.Shivashankari, Counsel for State
For R7 : Mr.G.Mathavan, Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.06.2026 and consequentially direct the first respondent to issue tender notification by the sixth respondent for the temporary shops establish during the punguni peruvizha held at Konnaiyur Muthumariamman Temple, Konnaiyur, Ponnamaravathi Taluk, Pudukottai District in Survey No.49/1, 49/3 within the time frame.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.



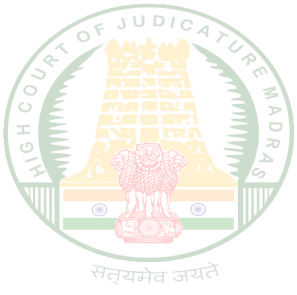
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3. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the land comprised in Survey Nos. 49/1 and 49/3 is classified as Sarkar Poramboke land. It is further submitted that, for the purpose of establishing temporary shops during the Panguni Festival conducted every year at Arulmigu Konnaiyur Muthumariamman Temple, Konnaiyur, Ponnamaravathi Taluk, Pudukottai District, the petitioner submitted a representation to the first respondent seeking permission. Since the said representation has not been considered till date, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

5. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the seventh respondent/Executive Officer would submit that the land comprised in Survey No.49/1 belongs to the Temple, whereas Survey No.49/3 is a pathway leading to the temple. The issue regarding the nature of the land and the encroachments therein has already been considered by the Division Bench of this Court in W.P.



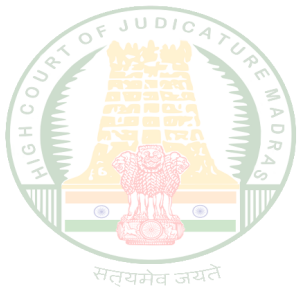
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WEB COPY (MD) No.18227 of 2020, by order dated 11.12.2020, wherein appropriate directions were issued for removal of the encroachments and restoration of the land to the Temple.

6. The learned Standing Counsel further submitted that temporary shops are allotted only through public auction conducted by the Temple. The petitioner also participated in the auction process but was unsuccessful. Having failed in the auction, the petitioner cannot seek a direction to grant him a shop by way of the present writ petition. Accordingly, he prayed for appropriate action.

7. The learned counsel appearing for the State also confirmed that the land comprised in Survey No.49/1 belongs to the Temple, whereas Survey No. 49/3 is a pathway leading to the Temple.

8. Admittedly, the petitioner participated in the public auction conducted by the Temple for the allotment of temporary shops and was unsuccessful. It is also not in dispute that the temporary shops are allotted only through the auction process. Therefore, the petitioner has no vested right to seek



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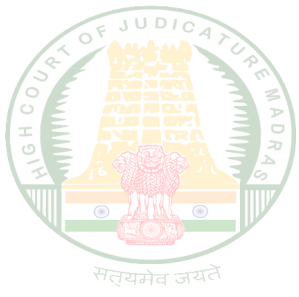
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