

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-09-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 35952 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 40180 OF 2026

P.D.Mohanraj
Rep by the secretary Arulmigu Krishnaswamy
Thirukovil
Vazhipaatu Mandram
Pannimadai post
coimbatore-641 017

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Executive Officer
Arul Migu Krishnaswamy Thirukovil (officer in
incharge)
Pannimadai post
coimbatore-641 017
2. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and charitable Endowments
Department
NO.119, UThamar Gandhi salai
Nungambakkam
chennai-600 034
3. The JOint commissioner
Hindu Religious and charitable Endowments
Department
commercial Tax building,
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Near RTO office,
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coimbatore.

..Respondent(s)

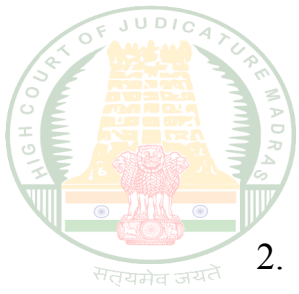
Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of mandamus directing the competent respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioners representations dated 31.7.2026, 16.8.2026 and the connected representations, after affording the petitioner mandram a reasonable opportunity of hearing and to take appropriate action in accordance with law regarding the proper maintenance upkeep and development of the temple and its appurtenant properties, subject to the statutory supervision and control of the competent HR and CE authorities.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Rajilasree

For Respondent(s): Mr.D.Yashwanth Rajan, Government Advocate
(HR and CE)

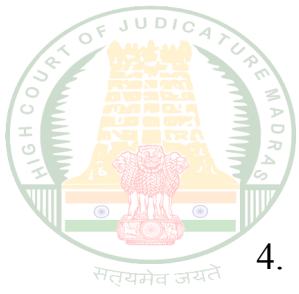
Order

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representations dated 31.07.2026 and 16.08.2026 regarding the proper maintenance, upkeep, and development of the temple and its appurtenant properties.



2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the Secretary of the Mandram, "Sri Krishnaswamy Thirukovil Irai Vazhipaatu Mandram", which has been actively associated with the religious activities of Arulmigu Sri Krishnasamy Thirukoil, Pannimadai, Coimbatore District, for several decades. The temple has now come under the administrative control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department. It is submitted that the first respondent/Executive Officer has recently adopted an approach of completely excluding the members of the petitioner-Mandram from temple-related activities. The members of the petitioner-Mandram have repeatedly expressed their willingness to continue their services to the temple and to undertake maintenance and development works for the benefit of the devotees. In this regard, they submitted representations dated 31.07.2026 and 16.08.2026 to the respondents. Since the said representations have not been considered till date, the petitioner has approached this Court.

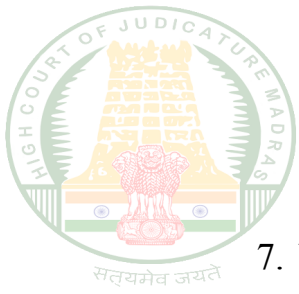
3. The learned counsel further submitted that the immediate issue requiring the intervention of this Court is the ensuing Sri Krishna Jayanthi festival, scheduled to be celebrated on 04.09.2026. The grievance of the petitioner is that their longstanding participation, contributions towards maintenance, and customary involvement in the temple's religious activities cannot be summarily ignored.



4. Conversely, the learned Government Advocate (HR&CE), taking notice for the respondents, submitted that the petitioner-Mandram has been illegally collecting money from the general public under the guise of conducting temple activities. He further submitted that the official respondents have already made all necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Sri Krishna Jayanthi festival scheduled for 04.09.2026.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and noting that the official respondents have already organized the festival using funds raised from donors, this Court is of the view that the petitioner and the members of the Mandram can very well participate in the Sri Krishna Jayanthi festival at Arulmigu Sri Krishnasamy Thirukoil, Pannimadai, Coimbatore District, and offer prayers to the deity. In the event that the petitioner intends to make any financial or material contribution towards the festival, they are at liberty to do so. Furthermore, if the petitioner wishes to distribute sweets or other offerings to the general public participating in the festival, they are permitted to distribute the same. The respondents are directed to permit the petitioner to participate in the Sri Krishna Jayanthi festival and to accept any such contributions made by them.



7. With the above observations and directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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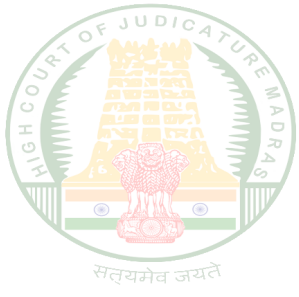
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