

ITEM NO.26+60+59

COURT NO.15

SECTION XII

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 15544-
15546/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-04-2026
in WAMD No. 25/2025 02-04-2026 in WAMD No. 396/2025 02-04-2026 in
WAMD No. 397/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras
at Madurai]**

R. SARAVANA PANDIAN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

**THE COMMISSIONER HINDU RELIGIOUS
AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT
& ORS.**

Respondent(s)

**IA No. 131984/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT and IA No. 131985/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

WITH

SLP(C) No. 15937/2026 (XII)

**IA No. 134484/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT**

SLP(C) No. 16043/2026 (XII)

**IA No. 135117/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
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SLP (C) Nos.16704-16705/2026

**IA No. 142340/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT and IA No. 142344/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

SLP(C) No. 16658-16660/2026 (XII)

**IA No. 141560/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT and IA No. 141563/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

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**IA No. 142268/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT and IA No. 142271/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

SLP(C) No. 16617/2026

**IA No. 141132/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT and IA No. 141135/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

Date : 08-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1. Heard learned senior counsel appearing for the parties.**
- 2. Issue notice.**
- 3. There shall be an order of status quo and we make it explicitly clear that the Hundis that are placed inside the temple or within**

the premises of the temple, shall not be opened by any of the petitioners. However, in the presence of the petitioners and respondents' officials, the nominated officials of the Indian Bank shall open the Hundis, if necessary, and deposit the amounts found in the Hundi to the account of the temple at Indian Bank, which shall not be allowed to be withdrawn by any person.

4. Mr. Jaideep Gupta, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondent/State submits, on instructions, that the directions issued in paragraph 24 (iii) of the impugned order has already been complied with. His submission is placed on record.

5. Counter affidavit, if any, shall be filed within six weeks and rejoinder affidavit, within three weeks thereafter.

6. List after nine weeks.

7. In view of the above directions, proceedings pursuant to notice dated 24.04.2026 issued by the Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department filed in IA No.141874/2026 as Annexure A-6 stands stayed.

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