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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WP(MD) No. 22916 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011106942026}

and WMP(MD)No.19642 of 2026

Rama. Ravikumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
   Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
   Department of Tourism,
   Culture and Endowments,
   Chennai - 9.

2. The Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department, Nungambakkam,
   Chennai - 34.

3. The Joint Commissioner,
   Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
   Department, Thanjavur District.

4. The District Collector,
   Thanjavur District

5. The Superintendent of Police,
   Thanjavur District.

6. The Tahsildar,
   Thiruvaiyar Taluk,
   Thanjavur District.

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7. Arulmigu Bramasirakandeeswarar Temple,
Rep. by its Fit Person/Executive Officer,
Kandiyur, Thiruvaiyar Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

8. The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvaiyaru Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the statue of the E.V.Ramasamy installed at Arulmigu Bramasirakandeeswarar Temple, located at S.No.313/35, Kandiyur, Thiruvaiyar Taluk, Thanjavur District in light of the recommendation of the Joint Commissioner, HR and CE Department/Third respondent vide proceedings in Na.Ka.no.7150/2026/B3 dated 08.07.2026 within a time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.J.Jaaswant
For Respondent(s) :Mr.K.K.Udayakumar, Govt. Advocate For R1 to R3
Mr.S.I.Muthiah, Additional Govt. Pleader for R4 and R6
Mr.J.Vishnu, Govt. Advoate (Crl. Side) for R5 and R8
Mr.Chandrasekar, Standing Counsel for R7

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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P. VELMURUGAN J.)

The prayer in the writ petition is to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the statue of the E.V.Ramasamy installed at Arulmigu Bramasirakandeeswarar Temple, located at S.No.313/35, Kandiyur, Thiruvaiyar Taluk, Thanjavur District, in light of the recommendation of the Joint Commissioner, HR and CE Department/Third respondent vide proceedings in Na.Ka.no.7150/2026/B3 dated 08.07.2026 within a time frame.

2. The status report filed by the 4th respondent reveals that the statue is installed in the temple land and not in the Government poramboke land. Since the statue is installed in the temple land without obtaining permission either from the temple authority or from the District Collector or from any other competent authority, the 4th respondent / District Collector is directed to remove the said statue safely from the temple land and also place it in some other suitable place within a period of four weeks from today and file a report.

3. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. The proposed respondent is not a necessary party to be impleaded.

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Therefore, WMP(MD)No.19642 of 2026 is closed.

4. List the matter after four weeks for reporting compliance.

(P.V.,J.) (K.K.R.K.,J.)
30-10-2026

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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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