

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED : 30.07.2021**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**

W.P.No.15863 of 2021

and

W.M.P.Nos.16747, 16750 & 16754 of 2021

T.R.Ramesh,  
S/o.Dr.T.N.Ramachandran

.. Petitioner

-vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,  
Rep., by its Secretary,  
Department of Tourism, Culture and  
Religious Endowments Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George,  
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Commissioner,  
Hindu Religious & Charitable  
Endowments Department,  
119, Mahatma Gandhi Road,  
Nungambakkam,  
Chennai-600 034.

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying  
for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records

relating to Government Order in G.O.(Ms) No.41, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments (R.E.1-2) Department, dated 26.02.2021 issued by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent, quash the same and consequently direct the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to appoint trustees to Sri Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, in accordance with the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 and belonging to the *Sampradaya* of the temple.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.R.Ramesh, Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan  
Government Advocate

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**ORDER**

The Writ on hand is filed challenging the appointment of five persons as non-hereditary Trustees at Arulmighu Dhandayuthapani Swami Temple, Palani Taluk, Dindigul in G.O.(Ms) No.41, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments (R.E.1-2) Department, dated 26.02.2021. Admittedly, five persons, viz., Shri. A.P.Appukutty @ Ammasaikutty, Smt. Latha Sridhar, Shri. V.S.S.Sekar, Shri. Chellamuthiah and Shri. K.C.Kamalakaran were appointed as the non-hereditary Trustees at

Arulmighu Dhandayuthapani Swami Temple, Palani.

2.The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents brought to the notice of this Court that the Executive Officer of the temple submitted a proposal, which would reveal that all the five appointed non-hereditary Trustees had submitted their resignations and their resignations were sent to the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department (HR & CE Department) in proceedings Na.Ka.No.740/2020/A2 dated 26.07.2021 by the Executive Officer.

3.The learned Government Advocate further made a submission that since the resignations were already received from the persons, they will be forwarded to the Government and will be duly accepted by the competent authority. This being the factum, no further adjudication needs to be entertained, as the impugned Government Order lost its relevance, as all the non-hereditary Trustees appointed have resigned their posts. If at all any other grievance exists for the petitioner, it is left to him to approach the competent authorities in the manner known to law. It is reiterated by the

learned Government Advocate that the resignations will be accepted in due course.

Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Speaking Order : Yes

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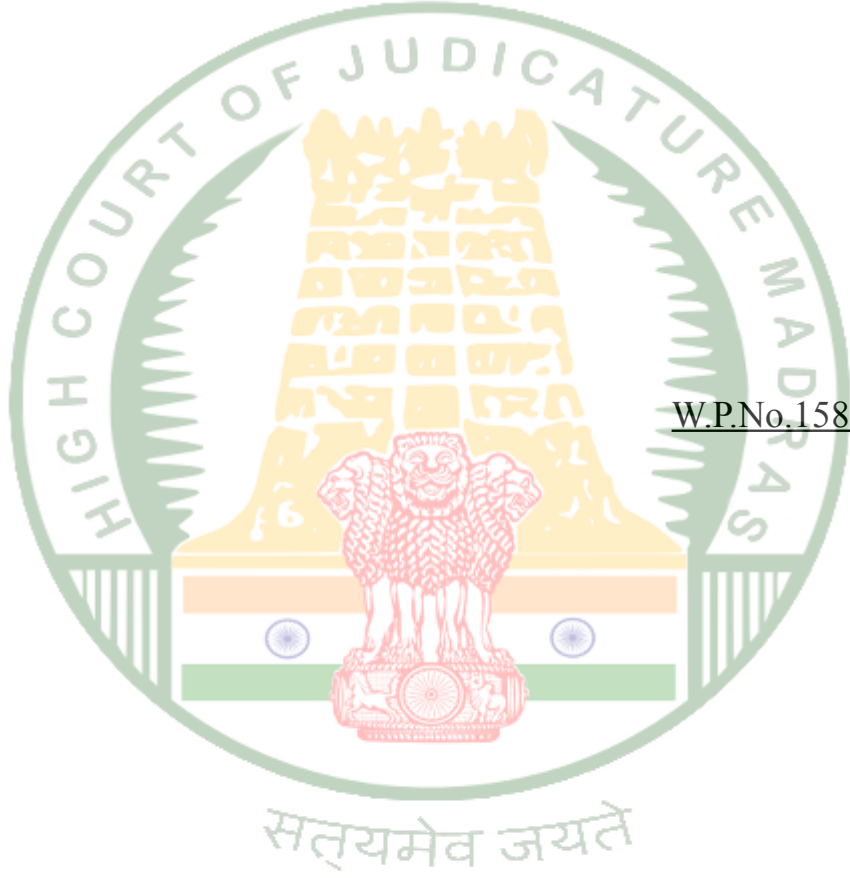
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**S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.**

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