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THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY,J.

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Pursuant to the direction of this Court dated 31.01.2022, a status report has been filed by the third respondent.

2. It is stated that no photographic evidence about the peacock idol having flower in its beak could be procured. But, as per the statement of the Archagas of temple and former Professor of Tamil & Philosophy, University of Madras, the idol of the peacock was having flower in its beak and accordingly, to resolve the issue, a decision has been taken to replace the present idol with new peacock idol with flower in its beak, following the due rituals.

3. Learned Public Prosecutor submits that during the course of investigation, an information was received that the idol may be lying in the Mylapore temple tank, whereas, according to the



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petitioner-in-person, it may be lying under the tree. It is submitted that with the assistance of Anna University, having the mechanism to trace out the idol, efforts would be made to find out the idol, if exists under the tree or under the tank and if it is recovered, then this Court may pass orders thereupon.

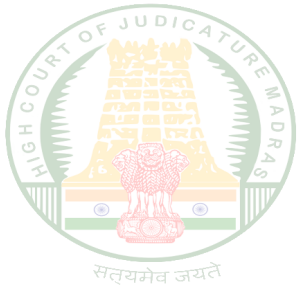
4. Looking to the facts aforesaid, this Court is inclined to defer the matter for two weeks, allowing the Anna University to take efforts to trace out the idol, if exists under the tree or under the tank. If the idol is traced out, appropriate order thereupon for installment of the idol at the same place would be made with all due rituals. However, if it is not traced out, a direction can be given to replace the existing peacock idol with a new peacock idol with flower in its beak.

5. List the matter on 15.03.2022.

(M.N.B., CJ) (D.B.C., J.)
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