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In view of the recent submission by the Tamil Nadu Govt. that two individuals cannot jointly hold the position of pontiff of Madurai Aadheenam under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Act, the 292nd pontiff Srila Sri Arunagirinatha Sri **Jnanasambandha** Desika Paramacharya Swamigal has agreed to revoke the appointment of Paramahamsa Nithyananda as the 293rd pontiff of the Aadheenam.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Paramahamsa

Nithyananda clarified that he had communicated to the 292nd pontiff a day earlier that he was

ready to step down from the post of the 293rd pontiff, as the current situation was taking its toll on the elderly pontiff's frail health and peace of mind.

What the 292nd pontiff has done is perfectly right, and in keeping with my own wishes. I do not wish to cause any danger to the pontiff's health or his position as the head of the Aadheenam. The 292nd pontiff has put in many decades of service to the society and contributed greatly to the well-being of Hinduism, and it is not right that he should lose his position as the head of the Aadheenam due to the current situation,' Paramahamsa Nithyananda said.

When asked if the senior pontiff feared a retaliation from some of Paramahamsa Nithyananda's devotees, Paramahamsa Nithyananda said that he had strictly instructed devotees to remain calm under all circumstances, and to leave the Aadheenam premises with all due respects to the senior pontiff.

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