



W.P.No.10391 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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M.Mohamed Hussian,
S/o.Moideenbasha,
No.30/5,Lalkhan Street,
Chidambaram-608001

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The District Collector,
Collector Office,
Manjakuppam,
Cuddalore District-607001
- 2.The Tahsildar,
Lalkhan Street,Chidambaram,
Tamil Nadu-608001
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Lalkhan Street, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.-608001
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
Vellar Basin Division,
Water Resources Department,
Chidambaram-608001



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5.The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Public Works Department,
Hospital Road, Gowtham Nagar,
Manjakuppam, Cuddalore-607001

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents herein to take immediate steps to remove the illegal encroachments made in Government poramboke lands comprised in Survey No.58 measuring 50 Ares and Survey No.59 measuring 44 Ares, situated at Chidambaram Taluk, Cuddalore District, forming part of Palaman River drainage/Water course, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.10.2025 within time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner: Mr.K.Nizamuddin

For Respondents: Mr.E.Vijay Anand
Addl. Government Pleader

ORDER

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

The present writ petition, styled as public interest litigation, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking the following relief:

"For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court maybe pleased to issue Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, order or



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direction directing the Respondents herein to take immediate steps to remove the illegal encroachments made in Government poramboke lands comprised in Survey No.58 measuring 50 Ares and Survey No.59 measuring 44 Ares, situated at Chidambaram Taluk, Cuddalore District, forming part of Palaman River drainage/Water course, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.10.2025 within time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and render justice."

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submitted that the second respondent shall inspect the waterbody in question and then submit a report to the competent authority, who shall take further action in accordance with law.

3. In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned State counsel, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the second respondent to cause an inspection of the waterbody in question and note down the encroachments and submit the report to the competent authority. Upon receipt of the report, the competent authority shall take further action in accordance with law, after affording opportunity to all concerned, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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