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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP NO. 10287 OF 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
   Housing and Urban Development Department,
   Secretariate,
   Chennai - 600 009.
2. The District Collector,
   Chennai District,
   Singaravelar Malaigai,
   Chennai - 600 001.

3. The Project Manager
   Tsunami (Relief and Rehabilitation),
   Ezhilagam, Chepauk,
   Chennai - 600 005.

4. The Managing Director
   Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board,
   No.5, Kamarajar Salai,
   Chennai - 600 005.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of Mandamus for a direction to consider the petitioners representation dated 03.05.2025 with in a stipulated time period by the respondents and consequently direct the 4th respondent to allot any one

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tenement in the new tenement buildings consisting of Block 1 to 11 at backside of santhome, nochikuppam, mylapore, chennai - 600004 constructed by Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (Earlier TN Slum Clearance Board) based on the 4th respondents proceedings in Na.Ka.No.17149/M5/2008 dated nil.03.2013, M5/17149/2008 dated Nil.02.2014.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Alakendran

For Respondent(s): Ms.V.Yamuna Devi, Special Government Pleader for R1 to R3
Mr.G.venkatesan, Standing Counsel for R4

Order

The writ petition has been filed by the petitioner for a direction to consider her representation dated 28.06.2025 to allot any one tenement in the new tenement buildings constructed by Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

2. Case of the petitioner is that she lived with her family at Slum Hut No.99, Nochikuppam, Mylapore, Chennai. In the year 2004, due to tsunami, she lost her hut and belongings. The Slum Board as rehabilitation arrangement allotted temporary Tent hut at Nochikuppam and the petitioner's family was residing there. Subsequently, the Slum Board proposed to construct tenements under Tsunami Rehabilitation project and assured that families will be allotted on preference a residential tenement and hence, the petitioner's family also vacated the temporary tsunami tent hut. The petitioner's name was also placed

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in the finalized recommendation list of the 4th respondent. Though the petitioner's name was in the selected list, the 4th respondent did not allot any tenement. Hence, she sent a representation, since the said representation was not considered, she preferred a writ petition, wherein this Court had directed the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation. In compliance of the said order, the Board had passed a rejection order on 30.05.2016.

3. Thereafter, the petitioner came to know that a new tenements building has been constructed by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board and it is yet to be allotted. Hence, the petitioner made representation on 03.05.2025 to allot one tenement in the new building. Since, the said representation is not yet disposed, the petitioner is before this Court.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that it would suffice, if the respondents are directed to dispose of the representation of the petitioner dated 28.06.2025 on merits and in accordance with law, within a specified period.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents has no objection for such an order being passed by this Court.

6. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

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7. In view of the limited request made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 28.06.2025, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and necessary parties and dispose of the said representation on merits and in accordance with law within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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