



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 16415 of 2025

J.Chandra

W/o.Subramnaian 213/51 E New Karakana
Street, Main Road, Thiruvannamalai 606 601.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Thiruvannamalai, Thiruvannamalai District
2. The Tahsildar
Thiruvannamalai, Thiruvannamalai District
3. The Assistant Director
Ex Servicemen Welfare Office, Collector
Office Vengikkal, Thiruvannamalai,
Thiruvannamalai District

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to allot 2 Acres of alternative agricultural land in Enthal Village, Kilnathur, Thiruvannamalai to the petitioner and her family members by disposing the written representation made by the petitioner on 06.08.2024 and pass.

For Petitioner(s):

Ms.R.Hemalatha

For Respondent(s):

Mr.C.Prabakaran, Government Counsel for R1 and R2

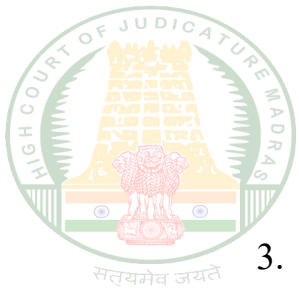


Order

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This Writ Petition has been filed to direct respondents 1 and 2 to consider the written representation dated 06.04.2024 submitted by the petitioner, and consequently allot 2 acres of alternative agricultural land in Enthal Village, Kilnathur, Thiruvannamalai, to the petitioner and her family members.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner's father-in-law, Chinnappan, served in the Indian Army. In recognition of the services rendered by her father-in-law, the then District Collector of Vellore had orally allotted 2 acres of agricultural land in S.F. No. 27/3B2, Enthal Village, Kilnathur, in the year 1950. At that time, there was no pond situated on the said land, and the petitioner's family has been cultivating it since 1950. One Soundarrajan, an adjacent landowner, had filed W.P. No. 26426 of 2019 seeking initiation of action against encroachers and unauthorized cultivators on the government land, wherein this Court, vide order dated 20.02.2023, directed the authorities to consider the claim made therein and conduct an inspection. Since the petitioner has been cultivating agricultural crops on the land for more than three decades, she initially made a representation on 06.08.2024 before the 1st respondent to issue a patta in favour of her family or to allot alternative land. As her series of representations yielded no response, the petitioner has approached this Court.



3. In reply, the learned Government Counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the Indian Army ought to be impleaded as a necessary party to this writ petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Counsel for the respondents, and also perused the materials available on record.

5. This Court is of the view that since the petitioner is applying for the allotment of alternative land, which is entirely under the control of the Revenue Department, the authorities must verify if there are any specific rules and regulations framed for the allotment of land to ex-servicemen. If they are eligible under such rules, they are certainly entitled to the same. Therefore, it is for the official respondents 1 and 2 to pass appropriate orders on the representation of the petitioner.

6. In view of the above, this Court directs respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 06.04.2024 on its own merits and dispose of the same in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after issuing notice to the petitioner and conducting an enquiry. In the event that the petitioner is found eligible as per



the welfare schemes available with the State Government for the allotment of revenue land, appropriate orders for allotment may be passed by the authorities controlling such land.

7. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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