



WP Nos.15721, 14600 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.08.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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R.Venkatesan

No.4/204 - A, Road Street, Mankuppam Village
Rathinagiri Post, Wallajah Taluk, Ranipet District.

Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Ranipet District, Ranipet.

2.The Thasildhar,
Wallajah Taluk, Wallajah, Ranipet District.

3.The Assistant Engineer,
Water Resources Organization (WRO) Palar Dam
Division, Ranipet, Ranipet District.

4.The Block Development Officer (VP)
Arcot Panchayat Union Arcot and Post, Ranipet District. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to conduct public auction of the right to harvest the Mango and Coconut trees lying in S.F.No.430/1A1 at Nandhiyalam Lake, Nandhiyalam Village Panchayat, Ranipet District every year after fixing the market price and further direct the respondents not to allow any person from further planting of the saplings of the said trees in the water catchment area of the said lake.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kamadevan

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For Respondents

: Mr.L.Gokulraj,
Additional Government Pleader

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S.Subramani
President,
Nandialam Eri Munkarai
Papappu Vivasagal Padukappu Sangam,
Regd. No.34/20, No.1/56,
Bajanai koil Street, Mankuppam Village,
Rathnagiri Post, Walajah Taluk,
Ranipet District - 632 517.

: Petitioner

Versus

1. The District Collector
Ranipet District, Ranipet.
2. The Tahsildar
Walajah Taluk, Ranipet District.
3. The Assistant Engineer,
Water Resources Department (WRD),
Palar Anaicut Section, Ranipet.
4. The Junior Engineer (PWD)
Water Resources Department (WRD),
1/6, Public Works Department,
Palar Reservoir Basin, Ranipet.
5. The Executive Engineer (WRD)
Upper Palar Basin Division, Vellore - 6.
6. The President,
Nandialam Panchayat,
Arcort Panchayat Union, Ranipet District.



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7. R.Venkatesan,
No. 4/204-A, Road Street,
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Wallajah Taluk, Ranipet District.

: Respondents

(R7 IMPEADED VIDE ORDER DT 25.05.2023
IN WMP.15461/2023 IN WP.14600/2023 BY BPJ, VLNJ)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the Impugned Letter.No.No.12/2023/PAS-R, dated 26/04/2023, on the file of the 3rd Respondent herein and quash the same.

COMMON ORDER

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

WP No.15721 of 2023 styled as 'public interest litigation' has been filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to conduct public auction of the right to harvest mango and coconut trees lying in S.F.No.430/1A1 at Nandhiyalam Lake, Nandhiyalam Village Panchayat, Ranipet District.

2. Learned State Counsel submitted that auction is conducted every year. However, there are no bidders and no one has participated. Learned State counsel has also produced one such auction notice dated 26.04.2023.



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3. In view of the above, the grievance expressed by the petitioner stands addressed. Accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed.

4. WP No.14600 of 2023 challenges the auction, which has now rendered infructuous due to efflux of time. The writ petition therefore stands dismissed.

5. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, WMP Nos.20011, 15192, 14080 of 2023 stand closed.

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