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and Suo Motu Crl.Cont.P.No.1863 of 2024

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-07-2026

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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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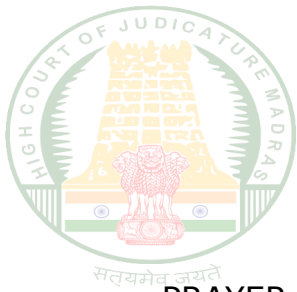
M/s. Mahindra World City Developers Ltd.,
Rep. By Its Deputy General Manager - Legal,
K.K.Viswanathan, Mahindra Towers, No.17/18
Pattullous Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. State Rep. by its,
Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tambaram.
2. The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Guduvancherry.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Law And Order,
Maraimalai Nagar Police Station,
No.1, Sidco Industrial,
Maraimalai Nagar-603 209.
4. Mr.Arivudai Nambi
5. R.Gnaneswaramoorthy
(R4 & R5 impleaded vide order dated
09.07.2024 made in WMP.No.19694/2024
in WP.No.13164/2024)

..Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to give adequate police protection for the property situated at Sy.No.405/1B2A in Chettipunniyam Village as well as for the lives of the petitioner's employees.

For Petitioner: Ms.Aishwarya S.Nathan

For Respondents: Mr.M.Dinesh
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
for R1 to R3
Mr.V.Ramesh
(Through Video Conferencing)
for Mr. R.Ashwanth
for R4 and R5

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High Court of Madras,
Madras – 600 104.

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Vs

1. R.Arivudainambi

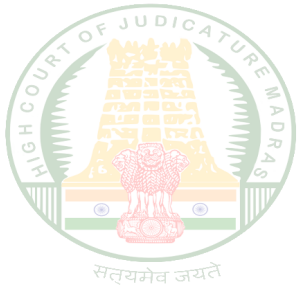
2. R.Gnaneshwara Moorthy

..Respondents

PRAYER: Suo Motu Criminal Contempt Proceedings initiated against the contemnors as per the order of this Court dated 08.05.2024 made in W.P.No.13164 of 2024 in W.M.P.No.14307 of 2024.

For Petitioner: Mr.P.M.Subramaniam
Senior Counsel
for Mrs.N.K.Kanthimathi

For Respondents: Mr.V.Ramesh
(Through Video Conferencing)
for Mr. R.Ashwanth



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COMMON ORDER

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

The writ petition has been filed to direct the official respondents to give police protection to the property situated at Survey No.405/1B2A in Chettipunniyam Village as well as the lives of the petitioner's employees.

2. This Court, while entertaining the writ petition, vide order dated 08.05.2024, had passed the following order:-

"Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the official respondents has produced the letter given by one R.Arivudainambi, S/o.C.Rajan and R.Gnaneshwara Moorthy S/o. C.Rajan addressed to the Inspector of Police, Maraimalai Nagar Police Station. On a reading of the letter, it is seen that the above said R.Arivudainambi and R.Gnaneshwara Moorthy had acknowledged the status quo granted by this Court vide order dated 23.04.2024 in W.A.No.1228 of 2024. Further, he has claimed that he is the absolute owner of the subject property and they have the absolute right to construct the building. Unless and until if any court order is produced to stop their construction work they cannot act according to the complainant which is, in my view, a clear, willful violation of the status-quo



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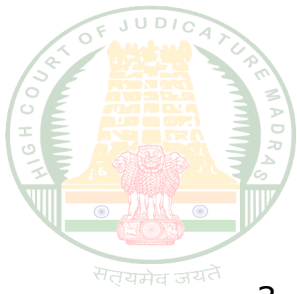
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order dated 23.04.2024 passed by this Court in W.A.No.1220 of 2024. When the addressee of the letter was aware of the status quo order passed by this Court, the conduct of writing such a letter to the police is nothing but an abuse of process of law which is amounting to criminal conduct attracting Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act.

2. In view of above, Registry is directed to place the matter before the Hon'ble Chief Justice, for initiating appropriate criminal proceedings against the said R.Arivudainambi, S/o.C.Rajan and R.Ganeshwara Moorthy S/o.C.Rajan, No.36, Big Street, Thesamugi Pettai, Thirukalukundram, Chengalpet District.

3. Meanwhile, the third respondent police is directed to provide police protection to the subject property which has been acquired by the Government in favour of the petitioner and ordered by this Court in W.P.No.8324 of 2018 and 19302 of 2020, wherein a direction has been issued by this Court to mutate the Revenue Records in favour of petitioner.

4. Post the writ petition for further hearing on 07.06.2024."



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3. The direction contained in the order dated 08.05.2024, resulted in initiation of suo motu contempt proceedings in Suo Motu Crl.Cont.P.No.1863 of 2024.

4. The entire issue involved in both these cases arises out of the common order dated 14.02.2024 passed in W.P.Nos.8324 of 2018 and 19302 of 2022; wherein the learned Single Judge has directed mutation of revenue records in favour of the petitioner, since the subject-land was acquired by the government for the use of the petitioner.

5. Being aggrieved by the order, writ appeals in W.A.Nos.1220 and 1228 of 2024 were preferred, and this Court, vide order dated 23.04.2024, had passed the following interim order:

"Mr.Srinath Sridevan, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the 1st respondent / caveator and Mr.A.Selvendran, learned Special Government Pleader taking notice for the respondents 2 to 7, sought time for getting instructions.

2. Heard the learned senior counsel for the appellants, who submitted that the appellants are the purchasers of the property in S.No.405/1B2B, 405/6 and 405/7 measuring to an extent of 0.47 acres, 0.41



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acres and 0.79 acres respectively, in No.71, Chettipunniyam Village, Chengalpet Taluk, by a registered sale deed dated 13.11.2006 for valuable consideration. Prior to purchase, it was duly certified by the Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Chennai, that the land in S.No.405/1B2B was not covered under any acquisition proposal of the Government; and that, the land, which was sought to be acquired by way of notification under the Land Acquisition Act, for the benefit of Mahindra World City, was S.No.405/1B2A and not S.No.405/1B2B. That apart, the lands in S.No.405/1B2B was subsequently, sub divided as S.Nos.405/1B2B, 405/6 and 405/7, which were purchased by the appellants, after confirmation that the said lands were not subject matter of acquisition. Without considering all these aspects, the learned Judge erred in dismissing the writ petition filed by the appellants herein, by the order impugned herein. Stating so, the learned senior counsel prayed for an interim order in favour of the appellants herein.

3. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case and having regard to the submissions made by the learned senior counsel for the appellants, all the parties including the authorities, shall maintain status quo prevailing as on today, till the next date of hearing.



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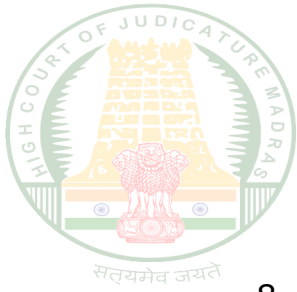
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4. Post the matter on 13.06.2024. Notice to the other respondents through Court as well as privately by then."

5. Thereafter, W.A.Nos.848 and 852 of 2026 came to be filed by the private parties against order dated 14.02.2024 in WP No.8324 of 2018 and 19302 of 2020; wherein the appellants have undertaken not to violate the status-quo order granted by this Court on 23.04.2024.

6. Today, when these matters were taken up along with W.A.Nos.1220 and 1228 of 2024, which were on board, learned counsel for the parties in W.A.Nos.1220 and 1228 of 2024 would submit that talks with regard to settlement are at an advanced stage and the issue is likely to be settled out of Court as early as possible, for which we have already granted four weeks' time.

7. On a perusal of the interim order granted in the writ petition, it is seen that the writ court had virtually allowed the writ petition at the admission stage itself.



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8. In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel that settlement talks are going on between the parties and it is in an advanced stage, no further adjudication is required in the writ petition and the contempt petition. Therefore, the writ petition stands disposed of and the suo motu Crl.Cont.P.No.1863 of 2024 stands closed. There will be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, C.J.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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Index: Yes/No
Speaking order/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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