



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

WP No. 16554 of 2026

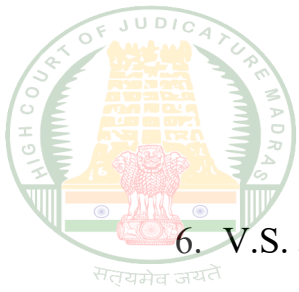
And WMP.Nos. 17760 and 17761 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
District Collector office,
Villupuram
2. The Revenue divisional officer
office of DRO
Villupuram Distret,
Villupuram 605 602
3. The Revenue Tahsildar
Villupuram Distret,
Villupuram 605 602
4. The village Administrative officer
Valavanur Village,
Villupuram Distret,
Villupuram 605 602
5. The Revenue Inspector
Valavanur Village,
Villupuram Distret,
Villupuram 605 602



6. V.S. Jagadeesan

7. V.S. Senthikumar

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of certiorarified mandamus, calling for entire records in respect of the order passed by the 1st Respondent / District collector Villupuram District in Na.Ka. AA5/ 3929923/2025 dated 20.01.2026 and quash the same and consequently direct the 1st respondent to remove the Iron gate erected by the 6th & 7th respondents and provide access to petitioner's locked agricultural land situated in survey no 577/1 577/2, 579, 583/2, 583/3, 585/1 at Eduthupottan Colony, Valavanur Town, Villupuram District.

For Petitioner: M/s. T.Sreelekha

For Respondents: Mr.M.Sivavarthan, Govt.Counsel R1 to R5

ORDER

1. The petitioner challenges the order dated 20.01.2026 passed by the first respondent rejecting his application under Section 133 Cr.P.C. seeking removal of a grill gate erected by the sixth and seventh respondents in Survey No. 580/1C.

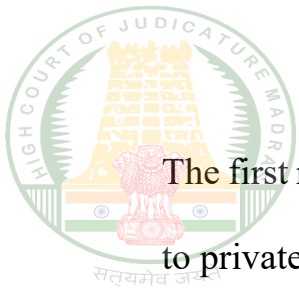


2. The petitioner states that he is a joint owner of agricultural lands situated in Survey Nos. 577/1, 577/2, 579, 583/2, 583/3 and 585/1 at Eduthupottan Colony, Valavanur Town, Villupuram District. According to him, he and his family have been using the lands in Survey Nos. 580/1C and 580/2B for ingress and egress for several decades. In 2013, the Panchayat laid a road under the NABARD Scheme for a length of 1,150 metres to provide access to these lands. The petitioner alleges that the sixth and seventh respondents subsequently erected a grill gate to prevent him and his family from using the road. He therefore filed an application under Section 133 Cr.P.C. seeking removal of the gate. By the impugned order, the said application was rejected.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the materials on record.

4. The learned State Counsel, in the counter affidavit, submits that an enquiry revealed that the land measuring 29.0 acres in Survey No. 580/1C stands in the names of Subramania Gounder, son of Ramalingam, and two others. It is further stated that the sixth and seventh respondents formed the road on their private land for their personal use and that no cart track is reflected in the village accounts or the 'A' Register.

5. In view of the above, the dispute is essentially between private parties, and the petitioner must work out his remedy before the jurisdictional civil court.



The first respondent, after conducting an enquiry, found that the property belongs to private individuals and that the dispute is purely civil in nature. Therefore, the impugned order cannot be said to suffer from any illegality. The petitioner's claim of an easementary right over the subject property also requires adjudication by the competent civil court.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of, reserving liberty to the petitioner to approach the jurisdictional civil court to establish his rights. If such proceedings are initiated, the civil court shall decide the matter independently, on the basis of the materials placed before it, without being influenced by any observations made in the impugned order.

7. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. 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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