



W.P.No.24942 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 01.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P.No.24942 of 2026

T.Baskar

S/o.Late Thambiah Reddy

... Petitioner

VS.

1. The District Collector
Kancheepuram
Kancheepuram Taluk & District
First Floor, Collectorate
Kancheepuram – 631 510.

2. The Deputy Director
Town and Country Planning Department
Kancheepuram District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent herein to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2020

For Petitioner	:	Ms.S.P.Arthi
For Respondents	:	Mr.M.Sivavarthan Government Counsel

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ORDER

Mr. M. Sivavarthanan, learned Government Counsel, accepts notice for the respondents.

2. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the first respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2020, wherein the petitioner has sought reclassification of the Nanjai lands situated in various survey numbers of Irungattukottai Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kanchipuram District, from the agricultural use zone to the urbanisable use zone.

3. According to the petitioner, the subject lands are proposed to be developed for residential purposes. With that objective, the petitioner submitted the representation dated 05.08.2020 seeking permission for conversion of the said Nanjai lands for residential use. Since no orders were passed on the representation, the petitioner approached this Court by filing W.P. No.8351 of 2026. By order dated 09.03.2026, this Court directed the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. Pursuant thereto, the

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petitioner was informed that the power to reclassify the subject lands vests with the first respondent. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the proposed reclassification is required to be considered under Section 32 of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, read with the relevant Rules framed thereunder.

5. Learned Government Counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner's representation would be considered within the time that may be stipulated by this Court. He further submits that the request shall be examined in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions, including the Tamil Nadu Change of Land Use (From Agriculture to Non-Agricultural Purposes in Non-Planning Areas) Rules, 2017, if found applicable.

6. Recording the aforesaid submissions, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 05.08.2020 seeking reclassification/conversion of the subject Nanjai lands, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.



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7. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of eight

(8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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