



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 32875 of 2022

1. Anusuya,
W/o. Palanimuthu,
62 A- Gandhi Nagar,
Attur, Attur Taluk,
Salem District.
2. Mani,
S/o.Ramasamy,
25- Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram Post,
Attur Taluk, Salem District.
3. Murugesan,
S/o.Palanimuthu,
26/56, Ganapathi Gounder Street,
East Khadu, Vazapadi,
Salem District.
4. R.Radhakrishnan,
S/o. Ramasamy,
30, Ganapathi Gounder Street,
East Khadu, Vazapadi,
Salem District.
5. Tamilarasan,
S/o.Kanthasamy,
Selliamman Nagar,
Seshanchavadi and Post,
Vazapadi,
Salem District.
6. Babu Naidu,
S/o. Son of Narayanasamy Naidu,
A.Mettupatti,
Vazapadi Taluk,
Salem District.



7. Jayaseelan,
S/o.Babu Naidu,
5-224- Mettupatti Main Road,
Vazapadi,
Salem District.
8. Rajendran,
S/o.Koothan,
70/1-14 -Kattukottai,
Cuddalore Main Road,
Vaithiya Gounden Puthur,
Attur Taluk, Salem District.
9. V.Selvam,
S/o.Vaithiyalingam,
66/7A- Kattukottai,
Abinavam, Ethapur,
Attur Taluk, Salem District.
- 10.P.Ponnusamy,
S/o.Perumal,
Kattukottai,
Abinavam, Attur Taluk,
Salem District.
- 11.V.Vikraman,
S/o.Varatha Raju Naidu,
5/80-Pathangan Medu,
Mettupati,
Valappadi Taluk,
Salem District.
- 12.G.Dhanam,
W/o.Ganesan,
42-Main Road,
Pethanaikanpalayam,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District.
- 13.K.Ganesan,
S/o.Kandhasamy,
42-Main Road,



Pethanaikanpalayam,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District.

14. Kanniammal,
W/o. Periyasamy,
134-Vijayan Nagar,
Behind Murugan Mandir,
Mullund West,
West Mumbai.

15. Saravana Balaji,
S/o. Vadivel,
185, Hotel Near puthirakanundan Palayam,
Attur Taluk, Salem District.

16. Manikkam,
S/o. Chinnapadayachi,
101, Main Road Periyakrishnapuram,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District.

17. Kandasamy,
S/o. Erulappa Nadar,
13, Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District.

18. Chinraj,
S/o. Periyasamy,
24, Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District.

19. Ponnusamy,
S/o. Nallappa padayachi,
4, Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram,
Attur Taluk, Salem District.

20. Arumugam,



S/o. Chinnusamy,
336/D, Puthupettai,
Sanyasigundu Post,
Salem North Taluk,
Salem District.

21. Kannan,
S/o. Arulmani,
45/A, East Cuuddalore Main Road,
Kattuveppilaipatti,
Vazapadi Taluk,
Salem District.

22. Bhoopathy,
S/o Natesan,
G-2, Sahas Laxhmi,
87/9, Thirumangalam Road,
Villivakam, Chennai.

23. Vijayan,
S/o. Saravanan,
135, Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram,
Salem District.

24. A. Manoharan,
S/o. Angamuthu,
38, Main Road,
Periyakrishnapuram,
Salem District.

..Petitioners

Vs

1. The Special District Revenue officer, (Land
Acquisition),
The Competent Authority Land Acquisition,
National Highways - 68, Room No.414,
4th Floor, Collector office Building,
Salem 636 001.



2. The Project officer,
National Highways Authority of India -68,
Salem.

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..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking for issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to disburse the statutory entitlement namely 30% solatium with interest till the day of payment, in the light of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Union of India and Another Vs Trasem Singh and others, in Civil Appeal No. 7064 of 2019 at 19/9/2019 by considering petitioners representation dated 29.08.2022 within time framed manner.

For Petitioners: Mr.K.Sudhakar

For Respondent(s): Mrs.Indhu Bala (R1)
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to disburse the statutory entitlement namely 30% solatium with interest till the date of payment, in the light of judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Union of India and Another Vs Trasem Singh and others, in Civil Appeal No. 7064 of 2019 at 19/9/2019 by considering petitioners representation dated 29.08.2022 within time framed manner.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners land was acquired for formation and widening four/six laning of



roads on NH No.68 at Salem District, under the National Highways Act, 1956, for which compensation was paid to the petitioners. However solatium was not paid to them.

2.1.Further he would submit that the petitioners are entitled for solatium as per the Judgment of Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Union of India and Another Vs Trasem Singh and others (Civil Appeal No. 7064 of 2019 dated 19/9/2019)***. Hence, the petitioners made a representation to the respondents on 29.08.2022, seeking to disburse the statutory entitlement viz., namely 30% solatium with interest till the date of payment. As the same did not evoke any response, the petitioners have come forward with this writ petition seeking for the aforesaid relief.

3. In reply, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioners' representation dated 29.08.2022 will be disposed of by the 1st respondent within a period of twelve weeks.

4. Heard both sides. Perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and having regard to the submissions made, this Court directs the 1st respondent to consider the petitioners' representation dated 29.08.2022 on its own merits and dispose of



the same in accordance with law, in the light of Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Union of India and Another Vs Trasem Singh and others (Civil Appeal No. 7064 of 2019 dated 19/9/2019)* within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order, .

6. 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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