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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P.No.1804 of 2026
and WMP.No.1884 of 2026

1.D.Chandrasekaran

2. Thangamari Ammal

Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1.The Executive Engineer-I
Zone I, No. 947, T.H.Road,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Thiruvottiyur, Chennai-600 019.

2.The Member Secretary
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority,
Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1,
Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore
Chennai-600 008.

3.The Secretary
Tamil Nadu Housing Board,
St.Fort George, Chennai-600 019.

4.The Secretary
Tamil Nadu Educational Department, St.Fort
George Chennai-600 019.

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5.The Director
Town and Country Planning,
2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor, C and E
Market Road, Koyambedu, Chennai-600 107.

6.Executive Officer
Anna Nagar Division,
Tamil Nadu Housing Board,
Chennai-00 101.

Respondent(s)

Prayer: This Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to consider the petitioners' representation dated 10.09.2025 for re-classification of vacant lands situated at Plot No.R79 at Muthamizh Nagar, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-118, comprised in T.S.No.100/3B1 measuring an extent of 6 grounds and 1586 sq.ft from institutional use to primary residential use and pass appropriate orders on it within a time frame which may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Vasudevan

For Respondents : Mr.E.C.Ramesh for R1
Standing Counsel
Mr.B.Sanjay Balachandar for R2
Standing Counsel for (CMDA)
Mr.V.Gunasekar for R3 & R6
Standing Counsel
Mr.M.Sivavarthanan for R4
Government Counsel
Mr.P.Siddarth for R5
Government Counsel

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ORDER

The petitioners purchased property bearing T.S.No.100/3B1, Plot No.R-79, Perambur–Purasawakkam Taluk, Chennai, measuring 6 grounds and 1,586 sq.ft., under a registered sale deed dated 05.09.2005 (Doc. No.7283/2005). Their vendor had originally purchased the property from the Tamil Nadu Housing Board for running a primary school. However, since the Government did not provide grants to Tamil-medium schools, the vendor was unable to continue the school.

2. After purchasing the property, the petitioners applied to the first respondent seeking reclassification of the land use from institutional to primary residential. They submitted a representation dated 10.09.2025, but no decision has been taken so far.

3. The learned Standing Counsel for the first respondent submitted that the first respondent has already forwarded a proposal to the second respondent stating that the property is predominantly surrounded by residential developments. The proposal recommends changing the land use from institutional to primary residential. However, despite receiving the proposal, the second respondent has not taken any decision.

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4. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the second respondent to consider the petitioners' representation dated 10.09.2025, along with the proposal bearing No.Z.O.I.C.No.D1/RC/00009/2010 submitted by the first respondent, and pass appropriate orders on their own merits and in accordance with law, within six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The second respondent shall also keep in view the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.(MD) No.265 of 2024, decided on 28.02.2022. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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