



Sub-Apl.No.88 of 2026 in Cont.P.No.60 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 03.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

Sub-Application (OS) No.88 of 2026
in Cont.P.No.60 of 2025

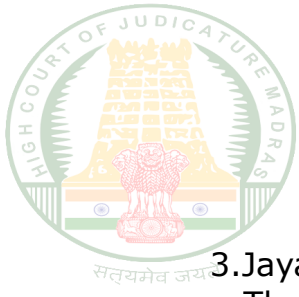
Parvathi Sunitha Kumaran
W/o.R Raghuraman,
No.5/87, Pananthoppusalai,
Ayodhiyapattinam (via),
Kullampatti,
Salem-636 103.

Applicant

Vs

1.Dr. R.Brindha Devi, I.A.S.,
The District Collector, Salem,
Salem District,
The Collectorate,
Fort Main Road,
Salem-636 001,
Salem District.

2.P.Menaha
The Revenue Divisional Officer, Salem,
The Collectortate, Fort Main Road,
Salem-636 001,
Salem District.



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3.Jaya

The Block Development Officer
Yercaud,
30/68, Ondikadai,
Salem-Yercaud Ghat Road,
Yercaud-636 601, Salem District

4.Ramesh Kumar

The Thasildar, Yercaud Taluk Officer,
Yercaud-636 601, Salem District

5.Sundaram

The Village Panchayat Officer,
Vellakkadai Panchayat,
Yercaud-636 601, Salem District.

Respondents

Prayer: Application filed under Section 151 of CPC to reopen the contempt petition, take cognizance of the contempt committed by the respondents with regard to the order of this Court dated 22.4.2024 in W.A.No.2979 of 2023 and punish the respondents for contempt of court.

For Applicant: Ms. A.Arulmozhi

For Respondents: Mr. K.Kumaran
Government Pleader

ORDER

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

This application has been filed seeking to re-open the contempt petition, which was closed on 7.4.2025.



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2. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that W.P.No.15212 of 2020 was disposed of by the learned Single Judge, vide order dated 26.4.2023 directing the first respondent/District Collector to immediately take steps to shift the burial ground to Survey No.28/5. Challenging the order of the learned Single Judge, the respondents have filed W.A.No.2979 of 2023. This Court, after recording the undertaking given by the Government Advocate that they will comply with the order within four months, disposed of the writ appeal, vide judgment dated 22.4.2024. Since the respondents have failed to comply with the judgment dated 22.4.2024, the applicant has filed Contempt Petition No.60 of 2025. On 7.4.2025, when the contempt petition was taken up for hearing, this Court, recording the proceedings dated 22.3.2025 that the order has been given effect to and Survey No.28/5 has been designated as burial ground, closed the contempt petition.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that despite the order having been passed by the District Collector, no steps have been



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taken to shift the burial ground as directed by the learned Single Judge and, therefore, she prays for revival of the contempt petition.

4. Taking into consideration the submission made by learned counsel for the applicant that still the order of this Court has not been complied with, we are inclined to allow the sub application.

5. Accordingly, the sub application is allowed. The Contempt Petition No.60 of 2025 is restored to file. The Registry is directed to list the contempt petition on 27.7.2026 for filing status report by the respondents.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
03.07.2026

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