



WP(MD)No.13447 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 13.08.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL**

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A.Sheik Barid Oli @ Natham Sheik Barid Oli ... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
O/o. The District Collector,
Dindigul District, Dindigul.

2.The Tahsildar,
O/o. The Tahsildar,
Natham, Dindigul District.

3.The Executive Officer,
Natham Town Panchayat,
Natham, Dindigul District.

4.The Block Development Officer,
Velampatti, Natham,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

[R4 is *suo-motu* impleaded vide Court
order dated 05.10.2020]

PRAYER:-

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, direct the respondents to



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implement the decision taken in the peace committee meeting dated 24.08.2017 held at Respondent No.2 office and install a five layer Drainage purifier machine at the pond namely, 'Nallakulam' situated at Natham Town Panchayat, Dindigul District and consequently direct the respondents to restrain the sewage water in the said pond which is segregated from the villages of Velampatti, Cherveedu and Duvaragavathi by consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2020 by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.Selvakumar
For Respondents : Mr.S.I.Muthiah
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by C.V.Karthikeyan, J.)

The Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of a Public Interest Litigation with respect to a pond at Natham in S.No.318/1, measuring 4.57.5 hectares. It was stated that it had been renovated in the year 2014 at an expense of Rs.1.55 crores, a compound wall had been built, and lights had also been installed. However, it was not maintained properly, and waste water from the surrounding villages of Velampatti, Cherveedu, and Duvaragavathi might mix with the water in the pond and thereby cause pollution. Under those circumstances, the Public Interest Litigation had been filed.



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2.A counter affidavit had been filed by the third respondent, the Executive Officer of Natham Town Panchayat in Dindigul District, in the year 2020, stating that, with respect to the cleaning of the sewage water and the installation of a drainage purifier, tenders had been received to construct water purifier tanks and the work had also been allotted to one J.Jeyaraj, a Civil Contractor, and the work had also been completed. The neighbouring villagers had also raised a similar demand. The Panchayat had, therefore, taken a decision to construct a drainage purifier, and approval had also been granted.

3.Recording all these facts, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move again by way of a fresh petition if the cause still survives. No costs.

(C.V.K., J.) & (R.S.V., J.)
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NCC : Yes/No
To

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