

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 24-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE **C.V. KARTHIKEYAN**

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **R.SAKTHIVEL**

W.P.(MD)No.16299 of 2025

and

W.M.P.(MD)no.24200 of 2025

Ravi Selvam

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukottai Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
3. The Tahsildar / Monitoring Committee,
Aruppukottai Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
4. The Block Development Officer,
Aruppukottai Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
5. Ramesh
6. Muniyasamy
7. Mariappan

..Respondent(s)



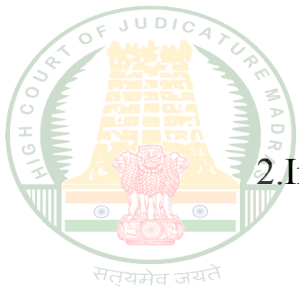
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st to 4th respondents to remove the encroachment caused by 5th to 7th respondents by putting up construction of Peedam, Amman Idol, Hundi and two boxes made of thin sheet and arch made of Iron Pipe in Survey No.150/3 of Koppusithampatti Village, Pandhalkudi Revenue Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 11.07.2024 and consequently, to direct the 3rd and 4th respondents to initiate legal action against the 5th to 7th respondents.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.K.P.Narayanakumar
For R1 to R4	:	Mr.M.P.Senthil Counsel for State of Tamil Nadu
For R5 and R6	:	Ms.S.Mamtha
For R7	:	No Appearance

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 seeking a direction against the 1st to 4th respondents to remove encroachment caused by the 5th to 7th respondents, who had put up a Peedam, Amman Idol, Hundi and two boxes made of thin sheet and arch made of Iron Pipe in Survey No.150/3 of Koppusithampatti Village, Pandhalkudi Revenue Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District.



2. In the earlier hearing date, we had passed the following order:

The first respondent District Collector Virudhunagar District may examine the nature of the land in S.No.150/3A3A at T.Koppusithampatti Village in Virudhunagar District with respect to which patta No.6223 had been granted indicating that it is a Government land. In that particular land, construction of peedam, Amman idol, Hundi and two boxes made of thin sheet and arch made of iron pipe had been put up and the petitioner is deeply aggrieved.

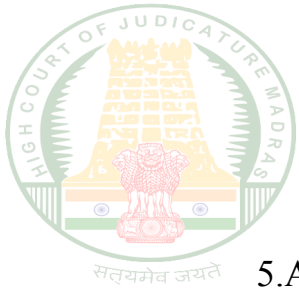
2. When the matter had come up for hearing before a Coordinate Bench of this Court, on 17.06.2025, the Division Bench had directed the third respondent Tahsildar, Aruppukottai to submit a report. Neither a report had been filed nor proper instructions had been forwarded to the learned Government counsel.

3. In view of this fact, the District Collector may take upon himself the responsibility of determining how these constructions were put up in a Government land and who authorised the same, more importantly, who were the Tahsildars in office from the date of the erection of such Hundi and peedam and other construction and when such construction had come to their notice. When Government land is encroached, the duty is cast on the revenue officials to take action by themselves, enquire into it and take steps to remove the encroachment.

4. The District Collector to file a report on all these issues by 21.07.2026.

3. Today, a report has been filed by the District Collector, wherein, he had stated that on inspection, encroachments had been found and notice under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905 had been issued.

4. The said process to continue in accordance with law. We would record that particular statement made and dispose of the Writ Petition.



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5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.
Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(C.V.K.,J.) (R.S.V.,J.)
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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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