



W.P(MD)No.15954 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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G.Muthuramalingam

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
Collectorate Complex,
Rameswaram Road,
Ramanathapuram.

2.The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Water and Drainage Board,
Collectorate Complex,
Ramanathapuram.

3.The Assistant Director,
Panchayat and Audit,
Collectorate Complex,
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4.The Block Development Officer,
Village Panchayat Zone -1,
Mandapam Union, Ramanathapuram District.



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5.The Deputy Block Development Officer,
Secretary (Special Officer),
Alagangulam Panchayat,
Ramanathapuram District.

6.The Public Information Officer,
Deputy Union Development Office,
Mandapam Panchayat Union at Utchipuli,
Ramanathapuram District.

7.The Secretary cum Special Officer,
Alagankulam Panchayat, Alagankulam,
Ramanathapuram District.

8.The Block Development Officer,
Village Panchayat,
Mandapam Union at Utchipuli,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent herein to consider and dispose of petitioner's representations dated 27.11.2025 and 27.01.2026 and also directed to all the respondents taken steps to demolish the unauthorized construction of water tanks.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugaboopathy

For Respondents : Mrs.K.R.Shiva Shankari
counsel for State



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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representations dated 27.11.2025 and 27.01.2026 and consequently direct the respondents to take appropriate steps to remove the alleged unauthorized construction of an overhead water tank.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the land comprised in Survey No.234/4B. According to the petitioner, the respondents have constructed an overhead water tank in the said property without acquiring the land and without paying any compensation. In this regard, the petitioner submitted representations dated 27.11.2025 and 27.01.2026 requesting the authorities to remove the alleged unauthorized construction. Since no orders have been passed on the said representations, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present Writ Petition.



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3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner fairly submitted that it would suffice if this Court issues a direction to the first respondent/District Collector to conduct an enquiry, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as the officials of the Revenue Department and other necessary parties, if any. It is further submitted that, if upon such enquiry it is found that the overhead water tank has been constructed in the petitioner's property, the first respondent may be directed to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4.Considering the limited relief sought by the petitioner, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim, the first respondent/District Collector is directed to consider the petitioner's representations dated 27.11.2025 and 27.01.2026, conduct an enquiry after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and all other necessary parties, verify the relevant revenue records and other materials, and



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thereafter pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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