

W.P.(MD).No.18795 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 06.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

W.P(MD) No.18795 of 2026

Renuka Devi.B

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate Campus,
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.
- 2.The Tahsildhar,
Vilathikulam Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Special Officer,
Manthikulam Village Panchayat,
Thoothukudi District.
- 4.Jothi Basu K
- 5.Lakshman K
- 6.Ramar K

...Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 and 2 herein to exhume the Human Dead Body / Corpse buried in the cart track comprised in Survey No.431, Thulukankulam Village, Vilathikulam Taluk,



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Thoothukudi District which is adjacent to the petitioner's property in compliance of Rule 7(1) of the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats (Provision of burial and burning grounds) Rules, 1999 and consequently to restore and maintain the public cart track free from any further misuse of cart track by considering the petitioner's representation dated 16.06.2026 within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.

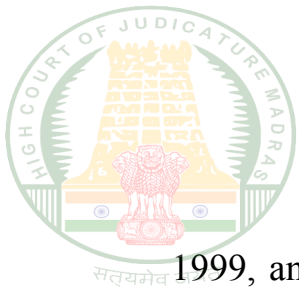
For Petitioner : Mr.A.Nawazkhan

For Respondent : Mr.P.Sudarkodi Natchiyar
Counsel for State of TN for R1 to R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition is disposed of at the time of admission after hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned learned Counsel for the State of TN appearing on behalf of respondents 1 to 3 and after dispensing with the notice on the private respondents 4 to 6.

2. The petitioner has filed this Writ Petition seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing to respondents Nos.1 and 2 herein to exhume the human dead body/corpse buried in the cart track comprised in Survey No.431, Thulukankulam Village, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, which is adjacent to the petitioner's property, in compliance with Rule 7(1) of the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats (Provision of Burial and Burning Grounds) Rules,



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1999, and consequently to restore and maintain the public cart track free from any further misuse by considering the petitioner's representation dated 16.06.2026.

3. The learned Counsel for the State of TN, appearing on behalf of respondents 1 to 3, would submit that the petitioner's representation dated 16.06.2026 will be considered and disposed of on merits and in accordance with law.

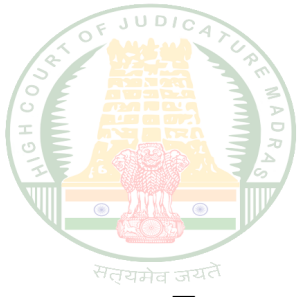
4. Recording the same, this Writ Petition stands disposed of by directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the petitioner's representation dated 16.06.2026 within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after hearing all the concerned persons who are likely to be affected by the decision to be taken. It is needless to state, the petitioner shall be heard before passing the final orders. No costs.

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