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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 23.07.2026

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

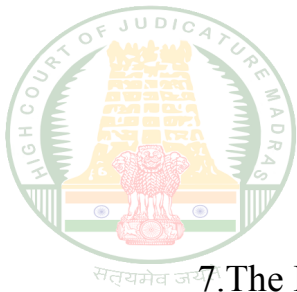
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Ramakrishnan

Vs.

..... Petitioner

- 1.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 2.The District Revenue Officer,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Police,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 5.The Tahsildar,
R.S.Mangalam Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 6.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thiruvadanai Sub-Division,
Ramanathapuram District.



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7.The Inspector of Police,
R.S.Mangalam Police Station,
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..... Respondents

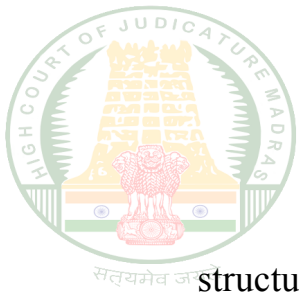
Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to identify and remove all unauthorized caste-related boards, banners, name boards, flex boards and other similar structures erected without obtaining permission from the competent authorities in public places, Government poramboke lands, road margins and other public properties within the jurisdiction of Nokkankottai Village, Alagardevankottai, R.S.Mangalam Taluk, Ramanathapuram District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.04.2026 within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Vinodh
For R1, R2, R4 : Mr.S.I.Muthiah
and R5 Counsel for State of TN
For R3, R6 and R7: Mr.P.Vetrivel
Government Advocate (crl.side)

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by C.V. KARTHIKEYAN, J.]

This Writ Petition has been filed to remove all unauthorized caste-related boards, banners, name boards, flex boards and other similar



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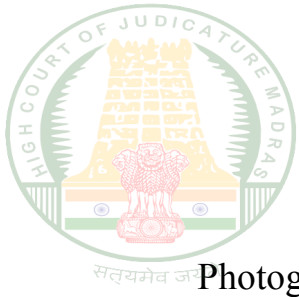
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2. Pursuant to the order of this Court dated 17.07.2026, report had been filed by the District Collector, Ramanathapuram, in which, it had been stated as follows:

I submit the following factual report for filing an appropriate status report before the Hon'ble Court in the above matter.

The Tahsildar, Rajasingamangalam, has reported that, as per the village revenue records, Survey No.182/7, measuring 0.44.45 hectares, is classified as Gramanatham, while Survey No.182/4, measuring 1.79.50 hectares, is classified as Natham, Kalam, Orani, Vadipathai and Koil. He has been further reported that three signboards displaying caste-based symbols had been erected on the aforesaid lands without any permission from the competent authority. The said signboards were removed on 19.07.2026.



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Photographs of the same have also been annexed along with the report. We deeply appreciate the steps taken by Mr. Sivaguru Prabakaran, I.A.S., District Collector, Ramanathapuram District, who examined the nature of the Writ Petition and immediately took steps to remove the offending boards.

3. In view of the above, this Writ Petition stands closed. No costs.

[C.V.K., J.] & [R.S.V., J.]
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NCC : Yes / No
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