



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 31.10.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.GOVINDARAJ

W.P. (MD) No.20133 of 2019

and

W.M.P. (MD) .No.16677 of 2019

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Theni District.

2. The Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional officer,
Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District.

3. The Divisional Engineer,
Highways (Construction and Maintenance),
Theni District.

4. The Superintending Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Theni District.

5. The Tahsildar,
Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Theni District.

6. The Commissioner,
Chinnamanur Municipality,
Theni District.

7. Vijaya Rajan,
President,
Theni District, Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Karunkattankulam Nanjai Pattadhar,
Vivasayigal Nala Sangam,
Uthamapalayam-625 533.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus, to forbear the respondents 1 to 6 from in anyway interfere with the carrying of water from the petitioner's bore well situated in Old S.No.1292/2B and New S.No.24/5 in Chinnamanur Melakkal Village to this land in S.No.153/1 and 166/3 in Erasakkanayakanur Village, through the pipe line as



permitted by the third respondent for agricultural and farming purpose on the complaint of the seventh respondent except under the due process of law

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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Suriya Narayanan
For R-1 to R-5 : Mrs.J.Padmavathidevi
Special Government Pleader
For R-6 : Mr.M.Karuppasamy
Government Advocate

ORDER

Mr.R.Suriya Narayanan, learned counsel on record for writ petitioner is before this Court.

2. Mrs.J.Padmavathi Devi, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice on behalf of respondents 1 to 5 and Mr.M.Karuppasamy, learned Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.6.

3. To be noted, respondent No.7 is private respondent. In the hearing, learned counsel for writ petitioner restricts the prayer to disposal of representation. From the abridged prayer it comes to light that an order, which is not adverse to 7th respondent (private respondent) can be passed, after making sufficient and adequate safe-guards in this regard.

4. With consent of learned counsel on record for the writ petitioner and learned Special Government Pleader and learned Government Advocate, who accepts notice on behalf of respondents 1 to 5 and respondent No.6 respectively, (official respondents), main writ petition is taken up, heard out and is being disposed of.

5. The main writ petition turns on a very narrow compass, as it is one seeking mandamus qua disposal of writ petitioner's representation dated 26.08.2019, wherein, writ petitioner has requested authorities concerned to not to interdict writ petitioner carrying water from his land for agricultural and animal husbandry activities in his land, on the basis of a complaint said to have been given by the 7th respondent.

6. Notwithstanding several averments made in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, notwithstanding several grounds raised / contentions urged in the affidavit filed in support of instant writ petition, learned counsel for writ petitioner (as mentioned supra) abridges the scope of the writ petition and submits that it will suffice if the third respondent is directed to dispose of the aforementioned representation of the writ petitioner, dated 26.08.2019, details of which have been alluded to supra.



7. Learned State counsel submitted that the third respondent is the authority who shall consider the aforementioned representation dated 26.08.2019 made by the writ petitioner (page Nos.54 and 55 of the typed set of papers forming part of the case file).

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8. It is made clear that in the course of the representation being considered by the third respondent, if the rights of any other third party / parties or any other third party entity / entities is / are likely to be affected, the third respondent shall put on notice and give reasonable opportunity to such third party / parties or any other third party entity / entities, before disposing of the aforementioned writ petitioner's representation. Though obvious, it is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion or view on the merits of the matter. It is also made clear with specificity that respondent No.7 has to be put on notice and given a reasonable opportunity by the third respondent before taking a decision.

9. Though obvious, it is made clear that petitioner abridging the prayer will not tantamount to writ petitioner giving up the contentions raised in the writ petition. In other words, all contentions raised in the writ petition are left open.

10. The aforesaid representation dated 26.08.2019 shall be disposed of by the third respondent on its own merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

11. The proceeding / order of disposal shall be communicated by the office of the third respondent to the writ petitioner under due acknowledgement within seven (7) working days from the date of completion of aforesaid exercise.

12. Instant Writ Petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)



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+1 CC to Mr.R.SURIYANARAYANAN, Advocate (SR-95232[F] dated
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