



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.07.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

W.P. (MD)No.7801 of 2020

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S.Suguna Devi

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Tahsildar,
Kodaikanal Taluk Office,
Kodaikanal,
Dindigul District.

... Respondent

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to pass orders on the petitioner's statutory application under Section 10 of the Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983, dated 12.03.2020, mutating the patta entry to the petitioner's name within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff

For Respondent : Mr.C.M.Mari Chelliah Prabhu,
Additional Government Pleader.

ORDER

The petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to pass orders on the petitioner's statutory application filed under Section 10 of the Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983, dated 12.03.2020, by mutating the patta entry in her name within the time stipulated by this Court.

2.Mr.C.M.Mari Chelliah Prabhu, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the respondent.

3.By consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4.According to the petitioner, she owns a land to an extent of 1 acre in T.S.No.8/4 (Old Survey No.150/3) in Kodaikanal Taluk, Dindigul District and the said property was executed in favour of her by her husband through a registered Settlement Deed, which was registered as Document No.209 of 2017 on the file of the Sub-Registrar, Kodaikanal. Seeking to mutate the



patta entries in the petitioner's favour, which stood in the name of her husband, she submitted an application on 12.03.2020 before the respondent. Since no response is forthcoming, the petitioner has filed the present Writ Petition.

5.The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submitted that the application of the petitioner dated 12.03.2020 will be considered and appropriate orders be passed within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking into account the limited scope of the relief sought for by the petitioner, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, directs the respondent to consider the application of the petitioner dated 12.03.2020 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance in law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other interested parties, if any.

7.With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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The Tahsildar,
Kodaikanal Taluk Office,
Kodaikanal,
Dindigul District.

+1 CC to M/s.AJMAL ASSOCIATES, Advocate (SR-13181[F] dated 22/07/2020)

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