



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 28.10.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.KIRUBAKARAN

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P (MD) No.14649 of 2020

and

W.M.P (MD) No.12302 of 2020

P.Subburaj

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tuticorin District,
Tuticorin.

2.The Thasildar,
Tuticorin Taluk,
Tuticorin.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorari, calling for the records pertaining to impugned order dated 17.09.2020 on the file of the second respondent and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muthalraj

For Respondents : Mr.Muthu Geethaiyan,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by **N.KIRUBAKARAN, J.**]

The petitioner has challenged the notice issued by the Tahsildar, Tutitcorin Taluk, Tuticorin / 2nd respondent under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act by contending that the land in their possession is classified as Natham land, for which, the Revenue Authorities have no jurisdiction for initiating such proceedings.

2.Heard Mr.S.Muthalraj, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.Muthugeethiyan, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

3.The learned Counsel for the petitioner raised a ground that the second respondent has got no jurisdiction to issue the impugned notice and the land in his occupation, as per the revenue classification is Natham, over which, the the revenue officials have no jurisdiction and therefore, prayed that the impugned notification



is liable to be set aside.

4. Under such circumstances, this Court issues the following directions:

(i) The petitioner shall give his explanation to the impugned notice within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ii) On receipt of such an explanation from the petitioner, the second respondent shall pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks therefrom, by conducting an enquiry after providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, and

(iii) Till such an order is passed and served upon the petitioner by the second respondent, there shall not be any coercive action.

5. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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