



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **02.12.2020**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **S.VAIDYANATHAN**

W.P(MD)No.17316 of 2020

A.M.Natarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Kovilpatti Sub Division,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Ottapidaram Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.

3.The Sub-Registrar,
Ottapadiram Sub Registrar Office,
Ottapadiram,
Thoothukudi District.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the third respondent in his proceedings RFL/Ottapidaram/45/2020 dated 12.11.2020 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the third respondent to register the sale deed presented by the petitioner on 12.11.2020 in respect of Punja Land to an extent of 1.21.10 Hectares(2 Acres 99 cents) situated in Resurvey No.494/3, Ottapidaram Taluk, Panchalankurichi Village comprised in Patta No.1593.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Banu Prasath

For Respondents : Mr.M.Murugan

Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner has come forward with this Writ Petition, challenging the impugned order passed by the third respondent dated 12.11.2020 and seeking consequential direction to direct the third respondent to register the sale deed presented by the petitioner on 12.11.2020 in respect of Punja Land to an extent of 1.21.10 Hectares(2 Acres 99 cents) situated in Resurvey No.494/3, Ottapidaram Taluk, Panchalankurichi Village comprised in Patta No.1593.



2. By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. Mr. M. Murugan, learned Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

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4. According to the petitioner, one Soodamani, S/o. Veeraperumal was the owner of the punja land to an extent of 1.21.10 Hectares (2 Acres 99 cents) situated in Resurvey No. 494/3, Ottapidaram Taluk, Panchalankurichi Village comprised in Patta No. 1593 and he executed a General Power of Attorney in favour of the petitioner. By virtue of the General Power of Attorney, the petitioner has sold the above said property to one C. Guruselvam, S/o. Chellakutti on behalf of his principal V. Soodamani through sale deed dated 12.11.2020. The same was presented before the third respondent for registration with necessary stamp duty. On the same day itself, the third respondent, by the impugned proceedings dated 12.11.2020, has refused to register the same, citing the objection given by the second respondent, by his proceedings dated 27.08.2013. Challenging the same, the present Writ Petition is filed.

5. This Court is of the view that the third respondent has refused to register the documents presented by the petitioner on the ground that there is an order of prohibition issued by the second respondent. The revenue authorities have no right to take the role of statutory function. If the land in question is in prohibited index, then the third respondent may be right in refusing to register the document. Similarly, there is no order of Court restraining him from registering the document.

6. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the issue is already covered by the decision of this Court in W.P(MD)No.18680 of 2018, dated 20.03.2019 and that this Court had directed the authority to register the document presented by the petitioner therein.

7. In view of the above, the Writ Petition stands allowed. The impugned order is set aside and the authority concerned is directed to register the document unless or otherwise it is prohibited by law. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)



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To

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+1 CC to Mr.P.BANU PRASATH, Advocate (SR-23758[F] dated 03/12/2020)

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