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W.P.(MD)No.921 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **22.01.2021**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P. (MD)No.921 of 2021

and W.M.P. (MD) No.776 of 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

S.Shanmugam

: Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.State of Tamilnadu, represented by
The Principal Secretary
Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply,
Fort St. George
Chennai.
- 2.The Assistant Director Town Panchayat,
Office of the District Collector,
Trichy.
- 3.The District Collector
Office of the District Collector
Pudukottai.
- 4.The Block Development Officer,
Karambakudi Panchayat Union,
Karambakudi.
- 5.The Executive Officer,
Karambakudi Town Panchayat,
Karambakudi.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to take immediate action to close all the open septic tanks in Karambakudi Taluk, Pudukottai District and direct the respondent NO.1 and respondent No.3 to take appropriate action against the officials, who are responsible for the death of children by name Krithik Roshan, S/o.Kumar, aged about 6 years, and Aravind, S/o.Kumar, aged about 4 years by felling into the uncovered septic tank in Karambakudi, Pudukottai District in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.N.Shanmugaselvan for R1 to R3

Additional Government Pleader

Mr.S.Dhayalan, Government Advocate
for R4 & R5



ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.M.SUNDRESH, J.)

The petitioner has come forward with this *pro bono* litigation seeking two reliefs, namely, to close the uncovered septic tanks and to take action for the accident occurred due to such non closure.

2.The learned counsel for the respondent No.4 furnished the instructions given by the said authority to the office of the Government Pleader indicating that uncovered open septic tanks have been closed. However, it is submitted that appropriate action would be taken against those, who are responsible for the loss of two innocent lives.

3.In such view of the matter, the writ petition stands closed with a direction to the respondent No.4 to initiate appropriate action against the erring officials. No costs. Consequently connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar ()

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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