



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 09.04.2021

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

W.P. (MD) .No.7729 of 2021

K.V.Balaji

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector / Arbitrator,
Madurai.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer (LAO),
Usilampatti.

3. The Project Director,
National Highways Authority,
Madurai-Kanyakumari NH-7,
Golden Quadrilateral Scheme,
Four Ways Track National Highways,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer: This Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to dispose the petitioner's arbitration proceedings in Appeal No.1/TMM/Sivarakkottai/2019, filed under Section 3G (5) of the National Highways Act, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.M.P.Senthil
For R-1 & R-2	: Mr.M.Rajarajan Additional Government Pleader
For R-3	: Mr.Arulvadivel @ Sekar

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to dispose of the arbitration proceedings initiated by the petitioner under Section 3 G (5) of the National Highways Act, 1956, within the time limit to be fixed by this Court.

2. The petitioner was the owner of the subject property, which was acquired by the National Highways Authority of India. The compensation was fixed by the Revenue Divisional Officer (LAO) and the petitioner was not satisfied with the compensation fixed by the Authority. Hence, the petitioner exercised his statutory right of initiating arbitration proceedings before the first respondent.



3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the proceedings have not progressed and it is being kept pending by the first respondent. Aggrieved by the same, the present Writ Petition has been filed before this Court seeking for appropriate directions.

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4. Heard Mr.M.P.Senthil, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.M.Rajarajan, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the first and second respondents and Mr.Arul Vadivel @ Sekar, learned counsel appearing for the third respondent.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, there shall be a direction to the first respondent to complete the proceedings and pass the award within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. The petitioner is directed to make a fresh representation to the first respondent along with all the relevant documents and also a copy of this order.

7. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

1. The District Collector / Arbitrator, Madurai.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer (LAO), Usilampatti.

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Order made in
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