



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 13.07.2021**

**CORAM :**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH**

**W.P. (MD) .No.11606 of 2021**

Sankara Lakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Director,  
Town and Country Planning,  
No.807, Annasalai,  
Chennai - 600 002.

2.The Member Secretary,  
Thanjavur Local Planning Authority,  
NO:5, Ganapathi Nagar 2<sup>nd</sup> Street,  
Medical College Road,  
Thanjavur - 613 001.

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 and 2 to release the petitioner's land with an extent of 1800 Sq.feet in Survey Number 211/3A Part, situated at Plot No.20, Srinivasa Nagar East, Ammathottam Village, Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District earmarked for the "Palavanthankattalai Detailed Development Plan:3" by treating the "Palavanthankattalai Detailed Development Plan:3" as lapsed under section 38 of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Karunanidhi

For Respondents : Mr.M.Lingadurai  
Government Advocate

**ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 2 to release the petitioner's land, which was earmarked for the "Palavanthankattalai Detailed Development Plan:3" by treating the said plan as lapsed under section 38 of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971.

2.Heard Mr.R.Karunanidhi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.M.Lingadurai, learned Government Counsel appearing for the respondents.



3.The issue involved in the present writ petition is squarely covered by the order passed by this Court in W.P.(MD).No.8515 of 2021, dated 25.06.2021. The relevant portions of the order are extracted hereunder:

"6. This Court has consistently held that if the land has not been acquired within a period of three years from the date of publishing the detailed development plan in the Gazette, the concerned lands shall be deemed to be released from such reservation. It will be beneficial to provide the details of the cases, wherein this Court had reached such a conclusion:

1.**M.Amsavalli v. Director of Town and Country Planning** reported in (2017) 2 CWC 418.

2. **RM.Shanmuganathan v. Director of Town and Country Planning** reported in (2018) 2 CWC 20;

3. W.P.(MD) No.5652 of 2019 (LKS Mohammed Meera Mohaideen v. Director of Town and Country planning ;

4.W.A(MD) No.485 of 2020 (The Director of Town and Country Planning and another v. Muthu and others) and

5. W.P.(MD) No.166 of 2021 (Nagendran v. The Director of Town and Country Planning).

7. In the present case, the detailed development plan was notified under Section 31 of the Act in the year 2006. However, the respondents failed to take any steps to acquire the land and therefore, by operation of Section 38, the scheme lapsed."

4.In the result, the property belonging to the petitioner is deemed to have been released from the "Palavanthankattalai Detailed Development Plan:3", since it has lapsed under Section 38 of the Act. Hence, there shall be a direction to the respondents to release the petitioner's land earmarked for the "Palavanthankattalai Detailed Development Plan:3".

6.This writ petition is allowed with the above directions. No costs.

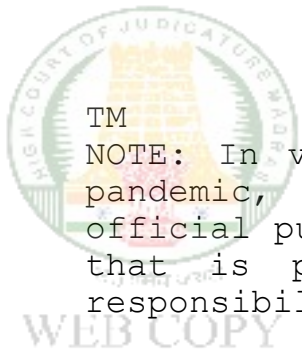
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+1 CC to M/s.R.KARUNANIDHI, Advocate ( SR-22256[F] dated 13/07/2021 )

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP ( SR-22561[F] dated 14/07/2021 )

**Order made in**

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