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W.P.No.31099 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.11.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SURESH KUMAR

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R.Soundararajan

Vs

... Petitioner

1.The Public Information Officer,
Additional Direct Assistant to Collector (Land)
District Collector Office Kallakurichi
Kallakurichi District - 606 202.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer
and First Appellate Authority of
The Public Information Officer
District Collector Office Kallakurichi
Kallakurichi District - 606 202.

3.The Tahsildar,
Kallakurichi,
Kallakurichi District.

... Respondents

[R3 is *suo motu* impleaded
today by this Court]

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to provide information based on the petitioner RTI Application dated 21.06.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Ramadoss

For Respondents : Mr.R.Kumaravel
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

The prayer sought for in this writ petition is for a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to provide information based on the petitioner RTI Application dated 21.06.2022.

2. The application submitted by the petitioner under RTI Act to the 1st respondent/District Collector Office since has been forwarded to the 2nd respondent/Revenue Divisional Officer who in turn forwarded the same to the Tahsildar concerned who is the proper officer to give such information. As the information sought for by the petitioner if at all to be given has to be given only by the Tahsildar concerned and the said Tahsildar since has not been impleaded as one of the party respondent in this writ petition, this Court *suo motu* impleads the Tahsildar, Kallakurichi, Kallakurichi District as one of the party respondent. The Registry is directed to carryout the amendment.

3. Mr.R.Kumaravel, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for respondents 1 and 2 as well as the newly impleaded respondent. He submits that, if the application submitted by the petitioner under RTI has already been forwarded to the 3rd respondent/Tahsildar who has been just



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implied, it shall be considered and passed orders thereon where if the informations are available with the said office, it would be furnished to the petitioner at the earliest.

4. Considering the said submission made by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, this Court is inclined to dispose of this writ petition with the following orders:

That there shall be a direction to the 3rd respondent/Tahsildar, Kallakurichi to pass orders on the RTI application submitted by the petitioner which was forwarded from the District Collector Office through the Revenue Divisional Officer to the office of the 3rd respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With this direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Speaking Order : Yes / No

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