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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.09.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKEVALU

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The Project Director
National Highways Authority of India
Project Implementation Unit – Chennai
"Sri Towers", 3rd Floor, DP-34 (SP)
Industrial Estate, Guindy
Chennai – 600 032.

.. Appellant in all W.As

Vs.

1. D.Nagarathinammal

2. The Competent Authority cum
Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition)
National Highways 205
No.3&4, Lal Bagadhur Sasthiri St
Periyakuppam Railway Station
(Near) Thulasi Theatre
Thiruvallur – 602 001.

.. Respondents in
W.A.No.2610 of 2023

1. S.Babu

2. The District Collector
Namakkal District, Namakkal.

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3. The Competent Authority and
District Revenue Officer
(Land Acquisition for National Highways)
Namakkal, Collectorate Campus
Thummankurichi, Namakkal. .. Respondents in
W.A.No.2608 of 2023

1. J.Banumathi

2. The Arbitrator & District Collector
Thiruvallur District.

3. The Special District Revenue Officer (LA)
NH 205, No.3&4, Lal BagadthurSasthri Street
Periyakuppam Railway Station
Near Thulasi Theatre
Thiruvallur – 602 001. .. Respondents in
W.A.No.2595 of 2023

Prayer in W.A.No.2610 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.14768 of 2021 dated 16.11.2021;

Prayer in W.A.No.2608 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.744 of 2021 dated 04.10.2021;

Prayer in W.A.No.2595 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.193 of 2022 dated 24.01.2022.

For the Appellant : Mr.S.Srinivasan

For the Respondents in : Ms.M.F.Shabana
W.A.No.2610 of 2023 for R1

Mrs.R.Anitha
Special Government Pleader
for R2



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For the Respondents in : Ms.M.F.Shabana
W.A.Nos.2608 & 2595 for R1
of 2023

Mrs.R.Anitha
Special Government Pleader
for R2 & R3

COMMON JUDGMENT
(Delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.S.Srinivasan, learned counsel for the appellant in all the writ appeals, Ms.M.F.Shabana, learned counsel appearing for the private respondents in all the appeals and Mrs.R.Anitha, learned Special Government Pleader, appearing for the official respondents in all appeals.

2. We have disposed of a batch of writ appeals in W.A.No.1970 of 2023 & etc. batch vide order dated 23.08.2023, which is similar to these present appeals.

3. In view of that, we follow the same course in these appeals:



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(i) The appellant shall deposit 50% of the compensation amount with the concerned Court within a period of ten weeks from today;

(ii) The original petitioners are at liberty to apply for the withdrawal of the said amount, which application shall be considered by the concerned District Judge, on its own merits and after hearing all parties concerned, appropriate orders shall be passed;

(iii) The present appellant may also seek further orders on the stay petition before the learned District Judge;

(iv) Depending upon the order, that may be passed by the learned District Judge on the application of the original petitioners for withdrawal of the amount, further steps may be taken with regard to the amount, if lying in the Court, such as to invest the



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same in a Nationalised Bank or otherwise;

(v) Considering the huge amount involved, the learned District Judge, with whom the application under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 is pending, may endeavour to decide the application under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 expeditiously.

4. With these observations, these writ appeals stand disposed of. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.22018, 22011 & 21949 of 2023 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(P.D.A., J.)

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