



W.P.No.8914 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.03.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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K.T.Elayakannu

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
Salem District, Salem-636001.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Salem Division, Salem District.
636102.

3.The Tahsildar, Valapady Taluk,
Salem District-636115.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to survey the agricultural land measuring 41 cents comprised in Survey No. 18/1 and land measuring 3 acre and 11 cents comprised in Survey No. 18/3 situated at Kiraippatti Village Salem District, consequently demarcate its four boundaries and consequently issue patta within a time frame stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Ramkumar
For Respondents : Mr.R.P.Murugan Raja,
Government Advocate



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ORDER

With the consent of both the parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The prayer sought for in the Writ Petition is to direct the third respondent to conduct a survey and mark boundaries in the petitioner's agricultural lands measuring 41 cents comprised in Survey No.18/1 and the land measuring 3 acre and 11 cents comprised in Survey No.18/3 situated at Kiraippatti Village Salem District and to issue a patta. In this regard, the petitioner herein had also given a representation to the third respondent on 01.03.2023.

3. Though the petitioner herein has sought for a direction to the third respondent to survey the land, as well as for grant of patta, this Court is of the view that the Tahsildhar concerned shall be directed to conduct a survey alone for the present and thereafter, the claim for issuance of patta can be considered at a later stage.



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4. While Section 9 of the Tamil Nadu Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923, deals with the power of a Survey Officer to determine and record an undisputed boundary, Section 10 deals with such powers over disputed properties. The cost for such survey is required to be borne by the persons interested in the lands to be surveyed, as per Section 8 of the Act. Thus, when the Act empowers the concerned Survey Officer to comply with the request of a person seeking for survey or demarcation of boundaries of his land, he is required to comply with such a request within a reasonable time.

5. In the light of the above findings, there shall be a direction to the Tahsildar concerned to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2023 and conduct a survey in the subject lands, after receipt of the cost of the survey from the petitioner, if not already received, and after giving due notice to the registered holders of the land, as well as other persons who may be affected, owing to the survey to be conducted in the subject lands and the survey report thereof shall be communicated to all such persons, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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RS/hvk

6. With the above directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Index:Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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