



W.P.No.8962 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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S.Pannerselvam

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Singaravellar Maligai,
Chennai - 600 001.

2.The Thasildar,
O/o. the Thasildar,
Perambur Taluk,
Chennai - 600 011.

3.The Assistant Director of land &
Survey and Records,
District Collectorate,
Singaravellar Maligai,
Chennai - 600 001.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to change the entry of "ஸ்ரீகு" and instate his name of S.Pannerselvam, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 07.03.2023.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Arunkumar

For Respondents : Mr.V.Veluchamy,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

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

2. The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents on 07.03.2023, requesting for change of entry made in the permanent land register. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of



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India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 07.03.2023, on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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