



W.P.No.9687 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.03.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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Devika

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Tahsildar,
Ponneri,
Tiruvallur District

2.The Taluk Surveyor,
Ponneri Taluk,
Tiruvallur District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
M3 Red Hills Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to survey the land in S.No.116/2 to the extent of 4628½ square feet at Theerthakiriyampattu Village, Ponneri Taluk, Tiruvallur District along with the aid of the 3rd respondent and consequently issue patta in favour of the petitioner pursuant to the Settlement Deed dated 16.07.2019 within a time frame.



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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Venkatesan

For Respondents : Mr.Yogesh Kannadasan
Special 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 prayer sought for in the present Writ Petition is to direct the respondents to survey the petitioner's land in S.No.116/2 to the extent of 4628½ square feet at Theerthakiriyampattu Village, Ponneri Taluk, Tiruvallur District and consequently to issue patta. In this regard, the petitioner herein had also given a representation to the first respondent on 13.03.2023.

3.Though the petitioner herein has sought for a direction to the respondents to survey the land, as well as for grant of patta, this Court is of the view that the Tahsildhar 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 first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.03.2023 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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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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