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W.P.No.10423 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.4.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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S.Ramakrishnan

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Registrar,
District Registrar Office,
Chennai South, Integrated
Building for Offices of the
Commercial Taxes &
Registration Department,
Fanepet, Nandanam, Chennai-35.

2.The Sub-Registrar,
Kundrathur Sub-Registrar Office,
Sammandam Nagar Main Road,
Kundrathur, Chennai-69.

3.S.Rajaram

4.P.Arul

5.S.Rajkumar

6.S.Sampoornam

7.Sekar

8.S.K.Sekar Rao

9.V.Natraj

10.G.Sekar

11.M.Esther

12.P.Venkatesan

13.E.Thulukkanam

14.G.Kumar



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- 15.H.Vijayalakshmi
16.G.Sampath
17.R.Manjula
18.A.Aakulin Ajith
19.R.Kalaivanan
20.R.Suganya
21.M.Palani
22.R.Ramesh
23.S.Andrews
24.M.Iyyappan
25.R.Jagadeesan
26.M.Vignesh
27.C.Desingu
28.V.Thulasi
29.V.Gopal Krishnan
30.C.Jayasri
31.V.P.Balaji
32.V.P.Dakshayini
33.J.Balamurugan
34.U.Chitra

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.06.2022 and dispose it of within a time framed fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.G.Senthilkumar
For Respondents 1 and 2 : Mr.Yogesh Kannadasan,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned



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Special Government Pleader accepting notice for respondents 1 and 2.

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Since this Court is directing the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation, after giving due notice and opportunity to the private respondents, notice to them is hereby dispensed with.

2. The petitioner had given a representation dated 30.05.2022 to the first respondent seeking for cancellation of certain registered deeds. Since the said representation has not yet been considered, the 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 the official respondent 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 India and direct him to consider the same within a stipulated time.



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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 30.05.2022, in accordance with the procedure contemplated under Section 77A of the Registration Act, after giving due opportunity to the persons who had executed the disputed deeds, as well as the beneficiaries and the witnesses to the deeds of conveyance and any other persons who may be interested in the subject property, within a period of twelve 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 made by 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 ordered. No costs.

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Index:Yes/No

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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