



W.A.No.2700, 2724, 2725
& 2726 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.10.2023

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

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY
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The Project Director
National Highways Authority of India
Project Implementation Unit – Chennai
"SRI TOWER", 3rd Floor, DP – 34(SP)
Industrial Estate, Guindy
Chennai – 600 032.

.. Appellant in all W.As

Vs.

1. S.V.Ganesh Kumar

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

3. The District Collector
Office of the Thiruvallur District Collector
Master Plan Complex NH 205
Chennai – Tiruttani Highway
Thiruvallur – 602 001.

.. Respondents in
W.A.No.2700 of 2023



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1. A.Balamurali

2. The Arbitrator and District Collector
Tiruvallur District.

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

Respondents in
W.A.No.2724 of 2023

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1. S.Gopi @ Bhuvaneswari

2. The Arbitrator & District Collector
Thiruvallur District.

3. The Special District Revenue Officer (LA)
NH 205, No.3 & 4, Lal Bagadhur Sasthiri St.
Periyakuppam Railway Station
(Near) Thulasi Theatre
Thiruvallur – 602 001.

Respondents in
W.A.No.2725 of 2023

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1. K.Gajendran

2. The Arbitrator & District Collector
Tiruvallur District.

3. The Special District Revenue Officer (LA)
NH 205, No.3 & 4, Lal Bagadhur Sasthiri St.
Periyakuppam Railway Station
(Near) Thulasi Theatre
Thiruvallur – 602 001.

Respondents in
W.A.No.2726 of 2023

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Prayer in W.A.No.2700 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.17935 of 2021 dated 16.11.2021;



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Prayer in W.A.No.2724 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.21177 of 2021 dated 16.11.2021;

Prayer in W.A.No.2725 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.24561 of 2021 dated 17.11.2021;

Prayer in W.A.No.2726 of 2023: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the order in W.P.No.21261 of 2021 dated 16.11.2021.

For the Appellant : Mr.S.Srinivasan
in all W.As

For the Respondents : R1 not ready in notice
in all W.As

Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader
assisted by 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 and Mr.P.Muthukumar, learned State Government Pleader assisted by Mrs.R.Anitha, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents 2 & 3 in all writ appeals.



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2. A learned Single Judge of this Court has decided a batch of writ petitions through common orders dated 16.11.2021 & 17.11.2021. The present appeals are filed against the said orders.

3. 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 the present appeals.

4. In view of that, we follow the same course in the present writ appeals:

(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



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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 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.



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5. With these observations, these writ appeals stand disposed of. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, C.M.P.Nos.22740, 22927, 22731, 22934, 22723, 22727 & 22729 of 2023 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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