



W.P(MD)No.507 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 24.02.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Dindigul District.

2.The Tahsildhar,
Dindigul East Taluk,
Dindigul District.

3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Dindigul East Taluk,
Dindigul District.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Dindigul Taluk Police Station,
Dindigul District.

5.The Firka Land Surveyor,
Dindigul East,
Dindigul District.

6.L.Kannan

... Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd and 5th respondents to survey and measure the petitioner's land in Survey No.540/5 and 543/57, Mullipadi village, Dindigul East within a stipulated time and further direct the 3rd and 4th respondents to give adequate police protection, until the demarcation and fencing of the boundaries of the petitioner's housing plot, based on his representation dated 30.12.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Karthik Kanna

For Respondents : Mr.M.Lingadurai,
Spl. Govt.Pleader for R1, R2 & R5.
Mr.B.Thanga Aravindh,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R3 & R4.
Mr.P.Mahendra Pandi for R5.

ORDER

The petitioner has applied to the jurisdictional authority for conducting survey of the petition mentioned lands and for demarcation of the boundaries. Since the authority had not acted upon the petitioner's request, this writ petition came to be filed.



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2. The Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

(I) The survey authority will issue notice to the writ petitioner as well as the adjacent land owners and also to the interested persons, if any.

(II) Enquiry shall be held. During enquiry, objections raised by the adjacent land owners / interested persons shall be considered.

(III) If according to the jurisdictional authority, the objections are without any basis, the same shall be overruled and the objectors shall be informed by a speaking order. But the survey will be conducted only after a period of six weeks so that the objector can move the concerned Court for injunction. If before the proposed date of survey, the objector is unable to obtain any injunction order, the survey can very well go on. It is open to the parties to serve memo on instructions to the surveyor at the time of conducting the survey. The same will be borne in mind. While it cannot be binding on the surveyor, the same will be taken note of.

(IV) If the jurisdictional authority finds objections to be having



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substance, then, he shall call upon the applicant to move the jurisdictional civil Court for agitating his rights.

(V) If required, the survey authority is empowered to seek aid of the jurisdictional police and the jurisdictional police are mandated to grant police protection.

(VI) It is made clear that at the end of the survey exercise, survey stones alone can be installed. The exercise of survey and demarcation undertaken pursuant to the direction of this Court can never result in dispossession of any party. No person shall put up fencing at the time of survey by using police aid. The Survey Authority will pass order within a period of six weeks after service of notice on the interested persons.

(VII) A copy of the survey report will be served on the parties also. No costs.

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NCC : Yes/No
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Internet : Yes/ No
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