



W.P(MD)No.5956 of 2022

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 01.03.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Tirunelveli Diocesan Trust Association,
Represented by its Secretary
AGJC.Manohar

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Assistant Director,
Land Survey Department,
Office of the District Collector,
Tirunelveli.

2.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Cheranmahadevi,
Tirunelveli District.

3.The Taluk Surveyor,
Taluk Office,
Cheranmahadevi,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 and 3 to survey and demarcate the petitioner's property situated in Natham Survey No.



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46 at Karisalpatti Village, Cheranmahadevi Taluk, Tirunelveli District by implementing the order of the first respondent vide his proceedings O.Mu.U./Petition No.77/2020 dated 22.06.2020 within a time frame to be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Sankar Ganesh
For Respondents : Mr..Lingadurai
Special Government Pleader

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.

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

(I) The petitioner is permitted to submit a fresh application for conducting survey. 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.



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(III) If according to the jurisdictional authority, the objections are without any basis, the same shall be overruled and the objectors shall be informed accordingly. 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 of 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 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.



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(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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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