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WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.04.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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P.Jeyaraj

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Principal Secretary
to Government
Rural Development and
Panchayat Raj Department
Secretariat, Chennai-9
- 2.The Director of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj
Panagal Building
Saidapet, Chennai-15
- 3.The District Collector /
Inspector of Panchayat
Collectorate Campus
Tenkasi, Tenkasi District
- 4.The District Revenue Officer
O/o.the District Revenue
Tenkasi, Tenkasi District



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5.The Tahsildhar
Taluk Office
Railway Road, Tenkasi
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6.The Block Development Officer
O/o.the Block Development Office
Kadayam Union
Tenkasi Taluk, Tenkasi District

7.The President
Kadayam Perumpathu Village Panchayat
Kadayam Union
Tenkasi Taluk, Tenkasi District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to conduct necessary inspection with revenue records and resolve the territorial dispute between Mettur Village and Veikalipatty Village at Kadayam Perumpathu Village Panchayat, Kadayam Panchayat Union, Tenkasi Taluk, Tenkasi District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 13.03.2023, within the period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Ajmal Khan, Senior Counsel
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R5
Mr.A.Baskaran
Additional Government Pleader for R6 to R7



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by R.SUBRAMANIAN, J.]

Mr.P.Thilakkumar, learned Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 1 to 5 and Mr.A.Baskaran, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 6 & 7.

2. Considering the limited prayer sought for, this writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage itself.

3. Prayer in this writ petition reads as follows”

“For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS or any other appropriate writ or order or direction in the nature of writ directing the Respondents 1 to 3 to conduct necessary inspection with revenue records and resolve the territorial dispute between Mettur Village and Veikalipatty Village at Kadayam Perumpathu Village Panchayat, Kadayam Panchayat Union, Tenkasi Taluk, Tenkasi District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 13.03.2023 within the period that may be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.”



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4. Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, authorizes the District Collector, in his capacity as Inspector of Panchayats, to decide on the disputes relating to boundaries of Panchayats. It is seen from the records that the parties have petitioned the District Collector, Tenkasi District / Inspector of Panchayats for resolution of the disputes between the two villages. As the Inspector of Panchayats and the Statutory Authority vested with the powers, the District Collector, Tenkasi District, is expected to resolve the dispute.

5. Hence, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Collector, Tenkasi District / third respondent to resolve the dispute by disposing the petitioner's representation dated 13.03.2023 at the earliest, at any rate within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

[R.S.M., J.]

[L.V.G., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No

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