



W.P(MD)No.21887 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

W.P(MD)No.21887 of 2021

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.18483 of 2021

AT.Lakshmanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.

2.The Tahsildhar,
Karaikudi Taluk,
Karaikudi,
Sivagangai District.

3.Vasanthakumari

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to survey completely the lands in S.No.249/17, Kallal Village, Sivagangai District and demarcate the petitioner's land in S.No.249/17B measuring 0.20.0 ares (49 cents) and fix boundary stones within the time fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan

For Respondents : Mr.M.Siddharthan

Addl. Government Pleader for R1 & R2.
Mr.M.Balakrishnan for R3.

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 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 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 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



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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. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No
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