IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024 / 28TH POUSHA, 1945

WP(C) NO. 2063 OF 2024

PETITIONER:

RAM MOHANKUMAR R
AGED 53 YEARS
S/O V.N, RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI VADASSERIL PUTHEN VEEDU , NATIONAL EMPRESS GARDENS APARTMENTS & VILLAS, VENNALA P.O , ERNAKULAM DISTRICT , PIN -, PIN - 682028

BY ADVS.
P.K.SOYUZ
E.V.BABYCHAN

RESPONDENTS:

1 THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER/SUB COLLECTOR ,RDO OFFICE, FORT KOCHI P.O ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682001

2 AGRICULTUREAL FIELD OFFICER
KRISHI BHAVAN MINI CIVIL STATION, THRIPUNITHURA
ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, PIN - 682301

3 THE VILLAGE OFFICER
NADAMAVILLAGE, KANAYANOORTALUK ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, PIN - 682301

OTHER PRESENT:

SR.GP.SMT.K.AMMINIKUTTY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18.01.2024, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is the co-owner in possession of 4.86 ares of land comprised in Re.Sy. No. 31 in Block No. 6 of Nadama Village, Kanayannoor Taluk.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the 1st respondent, RDO to consider and dispose of Ext.P3 application in Form 5 filed under Rule 4(d) of the Kerala Conservation of Paddy land and Wetland Rules, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules').

3. Ext.P3 being a statutory application under the Rules, the competent authorities have a bounden duty to consider the same in accordance with law within a reasonable time.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader, this writ petition is disposed of directing the 2nd respondent, the Agricultural

Officer to submit a report as contemplated under Rule 4(e) of the Rules to the RDO within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. The RDO shall dispose of Ext.P3 application, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the report from the Agricultural Officer. The timelines as above shall be strictly complied with by the respective officers. In case the report has already been submitted by the Agricultural Officer, the RDO shall dispose of Ext.P3 within the time limit specified earlier. The petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before the Agricultural Officer concerned for due compliance.

Sd/-

MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN
JUDGE

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT DATED 11.10.2023
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE NOTIFIED DATA BANK OF THRIPUNITHURA MUNICIPALITY DATED 10.02.2021
Exhibit P3	A TRUE COPY OF THE APPLICATION DATED 13.11.2023 SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER IN FORM NO.5 BEFORE THE 1 ST RESPONDENT