



W.P.No.27542 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.06.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

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and

W.M.P.No.27032 of 2019

S.Fathima Beevi

...Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The District Collector,
Kanchipuram District,
Kanchipuram.

2.The District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer,
Kanchipuram District,
Kanchipuram.

3.The Special Tahsildar
(Adi Dravida Welfare)
Chengalpattu Taluk,
Chengalpattu.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records culminating the order in Na.Ka.No.12023/2015/W5 dated 25.08.2015 passed by the second respondent, quash the same and direct the respondents to mutate the revenue records in respect of Plot No.21 in S.No.9/1C3 in Vedanarayanapuram



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Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District and incorporate the name of the petitioner herein as 'Pattadar' and pass such further orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Anbazhagan

For Respondents : Mr.K.Surendran
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records culminating the order in Na.Ka.No.12023/2015/W5 dated 25.08.2015 passed by the second respondent, quash the same and direct the respondents to mutate the revenue records in respect of Plot No.21 in S.No.9/1C3 in Vedanarayanapuram Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District and incorporate the name of the petitioner herein as 'Pattadar'.

2. When the matter came up for hearing, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents are at idem that the matter was covered by the judgment of this Court in ***W.P.Nos.262 of 2018 etc., batch*** in the case of ***D.Tulasi Vs. The District Revenue Officer, Dharmapuri***, which held as follows:



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33. *In view of the anomalous situation created on account of the inconsistency in dealing with the grievances of the aggrieved persons, this Court is inclined to pass the following orders:*

(1) The Commissioner of Land Administration is directed to issue orders to all the competent authorities under his control across the State of Tamil Nadu to maintain registers for entertaining the applications/representations/appeals filed in a prescribed format by complying with the procedures under the Patta Pass Book Act, 1983 and the Rules in force.

(2) Every such application filed by the aggrieved persons are to be registered in the book of register and serial number has to be assigned in the order of seniority and such seniority assigned must be informed/communicated to the applicants/appellants.

(3) All the applications/appeals by the respective parties are to be taken up for hearing/enquiry in the order of seniority as far as possible and without causing any discrimination amongst the similarly placed applicants/appellants. Priority for hearing/enquiry is to be granted only if the applicant/appellant is able to establish that there is a genuine urgency, which is to be recorded by the Competent authority, while taking up the matter for hearing/enquiry. All other applications/appeals are to be heard and disposed of in the order of seniority.

(4) An enquiry under the Patta Pass Book Act, 1983 is to be conducted by the competent authorities by following the procedures as contemplated under the Rules and by affording opportunity to the parties. The competent authorities shall refuse to grant unnecessary adjournments to the parties, who all are intending to prolong and protract the matter. Adjournments are to be granted on genuine



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grounds only by recording the reasons. Casual adjournments of hearing are to be avoided, which would cause prejudice to any one of the party.

(5) All applications / appeals are to be disposed of by the competent authorities within a prescribed time limits stipulated under the Government orders or by the Commissioner of Land Administration. In the event of no time limit, the authorities are expected to pass orders within a reasonable period of time i.e., within a period of six months.

(6) The respondents are directed to relegate the parties to the Civil Court of Law, if there is any disputed facts regarding civil rights between the parties exists.

(7) The respondents are directed not to entertain applications under the Patta Pass Book Act, if the Civil Suits between the parties are pending before the Court of Law. In such circumstances, the applicants/appellants may be granted liberty to approach the competent authorities only after resolving the issues before the Civil Court of Law. The Authorities are directed to keep the revenue proceedings in abeyance till such time the civil disputes reach finality between the parties.

(8) The Commissioner of Revenue Administration is directed to issue consolidated instructions/circular to all the subordinate officials based on the orders passed by this Court and ensure proper implementation to make the public administration more efficient, since it is a Constitutional mandate.

(9) The Higher Authorities are directed to conduct periodical review to ensure that the procedures are followed scrupulously and in the event of any lapses, negligence or dereliction of duty on the part of the authorities, appropriate disciplinary actions are to



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be initiated under the Service Rules.

(10) The competent authorities are directed to pass speaking orders and communicate the same to all the parties concerned in the manner prescribed under the Rules of Public Administration.

In view of the above ratio laid down by this Court, **the respondents are directed to follow the above guidelines / directions in the case of the petitioner and pass appropriate orders.**

Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of with the above observation and directions. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking / Non-Speaking Order

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