



W.P(MD)No.9664 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 22.04.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Priya @ Padmapriya

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Tahsildar,
Rameshwaram Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

2.The Taluk Surveyor,
Rameshwaram Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to survey the land situated in S.No. 301/1A1 at Meyyampuli Village, Pamban, Rameshwaram Taluk, Ramanathapuram District based upon the representation made by the petitioner dated 13.04.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Senthil Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Addl. Government Pleader.



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ORDER

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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.This writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage itself. It is open to any aggrieved party to move this Court either by way of review or recall of this order, if there is any suppression of material facts by the petitioner.

3.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Government Pleader informed the Court that patta stands in the name of Arockia Eranastine Fernando, Priya @ Padmapriya and Maria Mathaniyammal. Since it is case of joint patta, the petitioner has to obtain the consent of the two other pattadars. If the petitioner is unable to obtain the consent, the petitioner will have to necessarily file only a partition suit for sub-division. Even if the other pattadars give their consent, still survey exercise can be done only by adhering to the following directions:-



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(I) The petitioner is directed to submit his / her application in on-line mode. The survey authority will scrutinize if the application submitted by the petitioner is in order.

(II) The petitioner will have to enclose all the relevant documents such as patta. The applicant must have individual patta in his / her name. If he / she is having joint patta, co-pattadars must give their consent for conducting survey.

(III) 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.

(IV) Enquiry shall be held. During enquiry, objections raised by the adjacent land owners / interested persons shall be considered.

(V) 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.



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(VI) It is open to the parties to serve memo of instructions to the surveyor at the time of conducting survey. The same will be borne in mind. While it cannot be binding on the surveyor, the same will be taken note of.

(VII) 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.

(VIII) If required, the survey authority is empowered to seek aid of the jurisdictional police and the jurisdictional police are mandated to grant police protection.

(IX) 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. If the petitioner wants to put up fencing and if there is any objection from any private party, fencing can be put up only after the petitioner obtains decree from the jurisdictional Civil Court.

(X) The survey authority will conclude the entire exercise one way or the other within a period of six weeks after service of notice on the interested persons.



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(XI) A copy of the survey report along with sketch will be served on the parties.

4.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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