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**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 27.02.2024**

**CORAM :**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE  
and  
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ILANGOVAN**

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Kovilpatti Sports Club  
Rep. by its President,  
A.Jothi Dhanaraj,  
69 B2, Valluvar Nagar,  
Kadalayur Road,  
Kovilpatti 628 501.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector  
Thoothukudi District,  
Thoothukudi.

2.The Commissioner  
Kovilpatti Municipality,  
Thoothukudi District.



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3.G.Kuppusamy Naidu Memorial Sports Trust,  
Kovilpatti  
through its Present Trustee Cum Secretary  
K.Selvaraj,  
S/o.Appasamy Naidu,  
Elayarasanenthall Post,  
Kovilpatti Taluk,  
Tuticorin District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to put the ground in old Survey Nos.656/2 and 656/3 corresponding to new Survey Nos.397 and 398 in Kovilpatti Taluk, Thoothukudi District for playing hockey and other sporting activities for the petitioner and others.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.M.Vishnuvarthanan

For Respondents : Mr.T.Amjad Khan – for R1 & R2

Government Advocate

Mr.K.Govindarajan - for R3

for Mr.C.Mayilvahana Rajendran



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**ORDER**

**[Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble CHIEF JUSTICE]**

We have heard Mr.P.M.Vishnuvarthanan, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.T.Amjad Khan, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 and 2, Mr.K.Govindarajan, learned counsel representing Mr.C.Mayilvahan Rajendran, learned counsel appearing for the third respondent.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent No.3 Trust was maintaining a Hockey Ground and international matches were played on the said Hockey ground. The said area is known for producing good Hockey players. All of a sudden, the respondent No.3 stopped maintaining the said Hockey ground. They have closed down the said Hockey ground. The region is deprived of the Hockey ground to practice; so also, the matches are not held.

3. The respondent No.3 has filed an affidavit. It is stated that due to the financial constraints, the respondent No.3 is not in a position to maintain the Hockey stadium and ground. In a Peace



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Committee Meeting, the respondent No.3 agreed to hand over 5 acres of land to the Government of Tamil Nadu to construct the Hockey stadium and Gift Deed was also executed in favour of Government of Tamil Nadu on 29.12.2008. Therefore, it further states that the Government of Tamil Nadu constructed a Hockey stadium of international standard by spending Rs.7 crores and regular Hockey tournaments are conducted in the said Hockey stadium. Another Hockey stadium of international standard is also constructed by the National Engineering College, Kovilpatti. It is further stated that a Hockey ground is also situated in the Government land which is near to Pandavarmangalam.

4. The learned Government Advocate also submits that Hockey ground of international standard exists and the matches are regularly conducted. However, it is submitted that in the 5 acres of land donated by the respondent No.3 to the Government for construction of Hockey stadium, no construction has been carried out and the same is still vacant.

5. The Government of Tamil Nadu has to take a call about the construction activities of the Hockey stadium on the said land. The decision shall be taken by the Tamil Nadu Government



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accordingly, preferably, within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

**[S.V.G., C.J.] [G.I., J.]**  
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Index : Yes / No  
Neutral Citation : Yes / No  
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