



W.P.(MD)No.29346 of 2024

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.12.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

and

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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P.Sathishkumar

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Theni District,
Theni.

2.The Commissioner,
Gudalur Municipality,
Gudalur,
Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Theni District.

3.The Director,
Madurai Corporation Aringar Anna Maligai,
W4PQ + HJC, Mattuthavani,
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Madurai – 625 502.



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4.The Chairman,
Gudalur Municipality,
Gudalur, Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Theni District.

5.Ganesan : Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachment on the sewer and street by the fifth respondent and ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to prevent future violations by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.09.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Yogeswaran

For Respondents 1 & 3 : Mr.S.Shaji Bino

Special Government Pleader

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by M.S.RAMESH, J.]

By consent of both sides, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.



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2.This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachment on the sewer and street by the fifth respondent and ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to prevent future violations, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.09.2024.

3.Since this Court is directing the official respondents to consider the petitioner's representation, after giving due opportunity to the private respondent herein, notice to the private respondent is hereby dispensed with.

4.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents 1 to 4 on 24.09.2024, to remove the encroachment alleged to have been made by the fifth respondent. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

5.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the



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same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

6.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.09.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner herein and the fifth respondent herein, as well as all other persons, who may be interested in the subject property, within a period of three [3] months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondents to consider the same on its own merits.



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7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[M.S.R.,J.] & [A.D.M.C.,J.]

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