



W.P.(MD)No.27284 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.11.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

and

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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and

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Ezhurpathu Adidravida Aikiya Sangam,

Rep. by its Secretary,

S.Tamilmaran,

Maruthangudi, Siravayal Post,

Sivagangai District.

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector / Monitoring Committee,
Sivagangai District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Thiruppathur Taluk Office,
Sivagangai District.

3.The Executive Engineer,
National Highways,
Karaikudi,
Sivagangai District.



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4.The Block Development Officer,
Kallal Panchayat Union Office,
Sivagangai District.

5.The President,
Kambanoor Village Panchayat,
Kallal Panchayat Union,
Sivagangai District.

6.A.Aneesh : Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment made in S.No.177, 180 and also demolish illegal construction in S.No.300/11 Thenkarai Village, Thiruppathur Taluk, Sivagangai District within a time to be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kumar

For Respondents 1 to 4 : Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandran
Additional Government Pleader

For Respondent No.5 : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader



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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.

2.This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment made in S.No.177, 180 and also demolish illegal construction in S.No. 300/11 Thenkarai Village, Thiruppathur Taluk, Sivagangai District.

3.Since this Court is directing the respondents 1 to 5 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 representation to the respondents 1 to 5 on 21.10.2024, for removal of encroachments. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.



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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 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 5 herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 21.10.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner herein and the sixth 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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