



W.P.(MD)No.29498 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

W.P.(MD)No.29498 of 2024

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.24872 of 2024

E.Balu @ Chinnathambi

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector / Monitoring Committee,
Collectorate,
Tenkasi District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Alangulam Taluk Office,
Tenkasi District.

3.The Executive Officer,
Alangulam Union Office,
Alangulam,
Tenkasi District.



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4.The Trustee,

Mutharamman Kovil,

Alangulam,

Tenkasi District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to ensure that the fourth respondent does not indulge in encroach in the land in Survey No.422/1B of Alangulam Village, Tenkasi District based upon petitioner's representation to the first respondent dated 07.10.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kishore Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar

Government Pleader

O R D E R

[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 3 to ensure that the fourth respondent does not indulge in encroaching the land in Survey No.422/1B of Alangulam Village, Tenkasi District based upon petitioner's representation to the first respondent dated 07.10.2024.

3.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the official respondents on 07.10.2024, in this regard. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

4.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.



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5.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 07.10.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner herein and the fourth 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.

6.With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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

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