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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 21.02.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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R.ELILARASAN

... Petitioner

Vs

1. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF ENGINEER,
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT,
CHEPAUK, CHENNAI – 600 005.
2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT,
COIMBATORE ZONE,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE,
ERODE DISTRICT.
4. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICE,
ERODE, ERODE DISTRICT.
5. THE TAHSILDAR,
KODUMUDI TALUK,
ERODE DISTRICT.
6. THE DEPUTY TAHSILDAR,
KODUMUDI TALUK,
ERODE DISTRICT.
7. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,



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WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT,
LOWER BHAVANI PROJECT LINE,
ERODE DISTRICT.

8. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT,
LOWER BHAVANI PROJECT LINE,
ERODE DISTRICT.
9. THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
CHENNASAMUDRAM VILLAGE,
KODUMUDI TALUK,
ERODE DISTRICT.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 4th to 9th respondents regarding calculating the irrigation time per acre and preparing a new schedule according to the irrigation order and allotting water according to irrigation time (time sheet) in the kilpavani Irrigation canal 18/4 direct vent to everyone in the same amount without any quarrels in Chennasamuthram 'A' Village Kodumudi Taluk, Erode district by considering petitioner's representation dated 27.08.2022, 30.09.2022 & 12.10.2022.

For Petitioner	: Mr.G.Aswath
For R1, R2, R7, R8 & R9	: Mr.V.Venkata Seshaiya Government Advocate
For R3 to R6	: Dr.S.Suriya Additional Government Pleader

ORDER



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2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner holds agricultural lands. At present, there are standing crops and coconut trees on the said lands. The land is covered by the irrigation scheme. The canals have already been set up to serve the petitioner's land and irrigation channels run through the petitioner's land. However, due to certain third parties not properly utilising the water and the fact that the respondents have not fixed the proper irrigation time, the entire irrigation system is misused by the third parties and no water ever reaches the petitioner's land. Even in this year's monsoon season, the petitioner's land did not receive any water. Therefore, the petitioner has made a representation and has come before this Court.

3. When the matter came up for admission, the learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 would submit



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that a peace committee meeting would be conducted by the Revenue Divisional Officer to ensure that water reaches the land of the petitioner.

4. In view thereof, this writ petition is disposed of on the following terms:-

(i) As undertaken before this Court, the fourth respondent shall conduct a peace committee meeting by issuing notice to the petitioner as well as the other affected land owners in order to resolve the issue and ensure that water reaches the petitioner's land also.

(ii) If no amicable solution could be arrived at, the fourth respondent shall consider the representation of the petitioner with reference to framing of appropriate time scheme ensuring optimum utilization of the water and no farmer including the petitioner who are covered under the scheme goes without water.

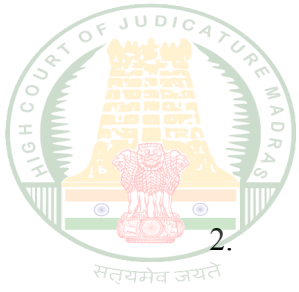
(iii) No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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