



W.P.No.7775 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.07.2025

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CORAM :
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE N.MALA

Writ Petition No.7775 of 2025
and W.M.P.No.8731 of 2025

R.Narayanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector &
Inspector of Panchayats,
Chengalpet District,
Chengalpet.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer/Sub-Collector,
Chengalpet Revenue Division,
Chengalpet,
Chengalpet District.
- 3.The Assistant Director,
Town and Country Planning,
New Collectorate Complex,
Chengalpet District,
Chengalpet – 603 111.
- 4.The Block Development Officer,
Village Panchayat,
Thiruporur Panchayat Union,
Thiruporur,
Chengalpet District.
- 5.The President,
Thiruvidanthai Village Panchayat,
Thiruvidanthai,



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Thiruporur Panchayat Union,
Chengalpet District.

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- 6.The President,
Kovalam Village Panchayat,
Kovalam,
Thiruporur Panchayat Union,
Chengalpet District.
- 7.The Superintending/Executive Engineer,
TANGEDCO/TNEB,
Distribution and Maintenance (O & M),
Chengalpet Division,
Chengalpet District.
- 8.The Assistant Engineer,
TANGEDCO/TNEB,
Distribution and Maintenance (O & M),
Kovalam – 603 112,
Thiruporur Taluk,
Chengalpet District.
- 9.The Director,
Coastal Aqua Culture Authority,
Integrated Office Complex for
Animal Husbandry & Fishery Department,
Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035.
- 10.The Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone,
Management Authority & Director,
Department of Environment & Climate Change,
Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India



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praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1, 3 to 6 to grant building plan approval under the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 to the petitioner's property in S.No.349/4, Semmencherry Kuppam, Thiruvadanthai Village, Thiruporur Taluk, Chengalpet District based on his application dated 14.02.2025 and consequently direct the 9th respondent to grant permission for establishing L.Vannamei Shrimp Hatchery based on the application of the petitioner dated 25.02.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Jothimanian
For Respondents 1 to 3 & 10 : Mr.N.Naveen Kumar,
Government Advocate
For Respondents 4 to 6 : M/s.E.Ranga Nayaki,
Additional Government Pleader
For Respondents 7 & 8 : Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh
For Respondent 9 : Mr.V.Chandrasekaran,
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this petition to direct the respondents 1, 3 to 6 to grant building plan approval under the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 to the petitioner's property in



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S.No.349/4, Semmencherry Kuppam, Thiruvadhanthai Village, Thiruporur Taluk, Chengalpet District based on his application dated 14.02.2025 and consequently direct the 9th respondent to grant permission for establishing L.Vannamei Shrimp Hatchery based on the application of the petitioner dated 25.02.2025.

2. The petitioner and his wife, N.Abiramni, purchased 17 cents of land with an existing 4200 sq.ft. building in Semmencherry Kuppam, Chengalpet District, on 05.07.2023 to establish a shrimp hatchery named “Umino Aqua” aimed at supporting the fishermen community. The property was previously used for hatchery purposes by the earlier owner, and the petitioners sought to continue similar activities under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023. Although they applied for building plan approval on 14.02.2025 and submitted a request for hatchery permission on 25.02.2025, jurisdictional disputes between the respondents 5 & 6 have delayed approvals, affecting their hatchery operations. Despite the area being a “No Development Zone” with many existing constructions, the 10th respondent issued stop orders on 05.11.2024 and 12.12.2024, interfering with their renovation work, even though the petitioner followed due process and



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submitted multiple representations to various authorities seeking relief.

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3. Though many grounds have been raised in this writ petition, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it would suffice, if this Court issues direction to the respondents 1, 3 & 6 to consider the petitioner's application dated 14.02.2025 for building plan approval and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. Learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3, 6 has no objection for the said order being passed by this Court.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the limited relief sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents 1 to 3 & 6 to consider the petitioner's application dated 14.02.2025 for building plan approval, after giving due notice to the



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petitioner, affording an opportunity of personal hearing and considering the documents filed by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. The order of status-quo as on date in regard to electricity connection alone is extended till then.

8. With the aforesaid observation and direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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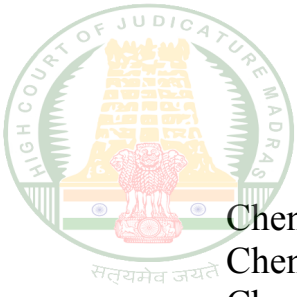
Index : Yes/No
Speaking Order : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

To:

1.The District Collector &
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Thiruvidanthai,
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