



W.P.No.20616 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

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: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Cuddalore District,
Cuddalore.

2.The General Manager (Land Acquisition),
Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Ltd.,
Neyveli,
Cuddalore District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider petitioner's representation dated 03.10.2023 and consequently direct the respondents to pay ex-gratia compensation with respect to petitioner's acquired land bearing Survey Nos.110/2, 110/8, 110/9, 119/8A, 119/8B, 119/1A ad-measuring 0.6750 hectare and Survey Nos.127/4, 127/6 ad-measuring 0.2400 hectare and Survey No.123/1 ad-measuring 0.1650 hectare situated at Kottagam Village in Virudachalam Taluk, Cuddalore District in the light of paragraph No.39 of the order in W.P No.22745/2023 dated 07.08.2023 within a time frame.



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For Petitioner : R.Selvakumar

For Respondents : Mr.A.Selvendran
Special Government Pleader
for R1

Mr.A.R.L.Sundaresan,
Additional Solicitor General,
for Mr.N.Nithianandan, for R2

ORDER

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

2. The present writ petition is filed praying for writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to consider the representation dated 03.10.2023 and consequently direct the respondents to pay ex-gratia compensation with respect to petitioner's acquired land bearing Survey Nos.110/2, 110/8, 110/9, 119/8A, 119/8B, 119/1A ad-measuring 0.6750 hectare and Survey Nos.127/4, 127/6 ad-measuring 0.2400 hectare and Survey No.123/1 ad-measuring 0.1650 hectare situated at Kottagam Village in Virudachalam Taluk, Cuddalore District in the light of paragraph No.39 of the order in W.P No.22745/2023 dated 07.08.2023.



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3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the subject property was acquired by the second respondent in the year 2009. It is stated that the second respondent is in process of giving ex gratia payment to all lands losers pursuant to the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.22745 of 2023 dated 07.08.2023. Hence the petitioner submitted a representation dated 03.10.2023 before the respondents seeking ex-gratia compensation in respect of the subject property. However, the said representation has not been considered so far. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

4. At the outset, it was submitted by the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the second respondent that the above representation is devoid of any merits inasmuch the entire compensation has already been paid in the year 2009-2010. In any view, it was submitted that the above representation would be considered by the second respondent and appropriate orders would be passed in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court, which was agreed to by the learned counsel for petitioner.



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5. In view of the same, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, there shall be a direction to the second respondent, to consider the representation dated 03.10.2023 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after issuing notice and affording a reasonable opportunity of hearing to petitioner and all other interested parties, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of uploading of the web copy without waiting for the receipt of certified copy, marking a copy to the first respondent. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any views with regard to the merits of the representation and it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the representation on its own merits and in accordance with law.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

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Speaking (or) Non Speaking Order
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