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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.11.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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A.N.Panneer Selvam

: Petitioner

versus

- 1.The District Collector,
O/o.Collectrate Building,
Salem District - 636001.
- 2.The District Revenue Officer,
O/o.Collectrate Building,
Salem District - 636001.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Athur Division,
Salem District - 636102.
- 4.The Special Deputy Tahsildar (Assignment)
Formally known as Attur Taluk
Thalivasal Taluk
Salem District - 636112
- 5.The Revenue Inspector,
Kattukottai, Thalaivasal Taluk,
Salem District - 636112.
- 6.The Village Administrative Officer
Deviyakurichi Village & Post,
Thalaivasal Taluk,
Salem District - 636112.



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7.Balachandran
8.Selvaraj

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation 17.09.2024 within a time limit.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Manimaran
for Mr.P. Manish

For Respondents : Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath,
Government Advocate
for Respondents 1 to 6

Mr.R.Nalliyappan
for Respondent No.7

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petitioner, who is presently a resident of Chennai, has filed this public interest litigation, seeking action against respondents 7 and 8 on the allegation that patta has been illegally granted to them.

2. Learned State Counsel would submit that the petitioner has a remedy of filing an appeal under Section 12 of the Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983. The petitioner has preferred a representation and if the Court permits, the same shall be treated as an appeal and it would be appropriately decided.



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3. Learned counsel for respondents 7 and 8 would submit that the petitioner has no concern whatsoever with the property in dispute and he is staying in Chennai and has filed this petition in respect of a property which is situated in Salem District.

4. Be that as it may; taking into consideration that representation has been given to the authority concerned regarding the alleged grant of patta in an illegal manner, it should be treated as an appeal under Section 12 of the Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act and appropriate inquiry should be made and an order passed after affording an opportunity of hearing to all the parties.

5. The writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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