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W.P.No.24919 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.SUNDAR
and

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

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Sivaraj

Petitioner

vs.

1. The District Collector
Tiruppur District

2. The Sub-Collector-cum-Revenue Divisional Officer
Dharapuram Taluk
Tiruppur District

3. The Tahsildar
Dharapuram Taluk
Tiruppur District

4. Palanisamy

Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to remove the encroachment made by the fourth respondent in the pathway in S.F.No.2187/14 in Aalaampalayam Village in Dharapuram Taluk of Tiruppur District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 13.11.2024.

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For petitioner
For RR 1 to 3

Mr. N. Ponraj
Mr. K. Suresh
Government Advocate
Notice dispensed with

For R4

ORDER

[made by M.SUNDAR, J.]

This order will now dispose of the captioned 'writ petition' ['WP' for the sake of brevity].

2. Mr. N. Ponraj, learned counsel on record for writ petitioner, is before us.

3. Adverting to a representation dated 13.11.2024 from the writ petitioner, learned counsel for writ petitioner, submitted that there is alleged encroachment in 'S.F.No.2187/14 in Aalampalayam Village in Dharapuram Taluk of Tiruppur District' [hereinafter 'said land' for the sake of convenience and clarity] by R4. To be noted, R4 is a private respondent.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case in juxtaposition with G.O.(Ms)No.64, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Land Disposal Wing, dated 08.02.2022 [hereinafter 'said



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GO' for the sake of convenience] which puts in place a Removal of Encroachment procedure *inter alia* giving opportunity to alleged encroacher, we are of the view that the captioned WP can be disposed of by ordering notice to official respondents (RR 1 to 3) and putting in a safety valve / adequate protection *qua* alleged encroacher *i.e.* R4.

5. Issue notice to official respondents, *i.e.*, RR 1 to 3.

6. Mr. K. Suresh, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice for RR 1 to 3.

7. In the light of what has been alluded to *supra* and considering the limited scope of the captioned WP, with the consent of both sides, captioned WP was taken up.

8. It was submitted by learned State counsel that said GO has been put in place, wherein and whereby Divisional Monitoring Committee, District Monitoring Committee and State Steering Committee have been constituted *inter alia* for a single point reporting / monitoring system *qua* Government lands.



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9. In the light of the narrative thus far, we deem it appropriate to refer the matter to the Divisional Monitoring Committee headed by R2 *qua* said GO.

10. We direct the jurisdictional Divisional Monitoring Committee to examine if there is encroachment *qua* said land.

11. The Divisional Monitoring Committee *qua* said GO shall (if it comes to the conclusion that there is encroachment), report the encroachment to appropriate authorities concerned for further action (for removal of encroachment). In this regard, we are acutely conscious that the matter is being disposed of in Admission Board without notice to alleged encroacher and therefore, this safety valve is put in place. To be noted, all the rights and contentions of alleged encroacher are preserved for being raised before the Committee concerned which shall consider the same on their own merits and in accordance with law untrammelled by this proceedings in this Court. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of 14 weeks from today *i.e.*, by 15.10.2025.



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12. It is open to the writ petitioner and or anyone concerned with this matter to come to this Court on the same issue even with a similar / same prayer if there is any change of circumstances.

13. We make it clear that we have not expressed any view or opinion as to whether there is encroachment or not *qua* said land as it turns on facts and it is for the Divisional Monitoring Committee to take a call on this aspect of the matter. We also make it clear that this exercise will not apply to patta land and it will apply only to public land, if there is any encroachment in public land.

14. Captioned WP is disposed of with the aforementioned observations and directives in the aforesaid manner. There shall be no order as to costs.

(M.S., J.) (H.C., J.)
09.07.2025

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