



Writ Petition No.23820 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED 02.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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Visvanathan
S/o.Kuppusami

..Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary,
Department of Water Resources,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Secretary,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

3.The District Collector,
Collectorate, Cuddalore-607 001.

4.The Tahsildar,
Kurinjipadi Taluk,
Cuddalore District - 607 302.

5.The Village Administrative Officer,
Vadakuthu, Kurinjipadi Taluk,
Cuddalore District - 607 801.

... Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to conduct an official inspection of the affected area, particularly Survey No.82/3, Vadakuthu Village, Cuddalore District and related affected petitioner's land, take appropriate action to restore the irrigation canal and ensure free flow of water to the agricultural lands.

For Petitioner : Dr.N.Vijayaraj
For Respondents : Mr.E.Veda Bagath Singh
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 09.06.2025 wherein the petitioner has sought for an inspection in the subject property, which is being put to use as a burial ground and which is said to be adjacent to a water body and to restore the water body to its original state to ensure free flow of water to the agricultural lands.

2. Heard Dr.N.Vijayaraj, learned counsel for petitioner and Mr.E.Veda Bagath Singh, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents.



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3. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of grievance expressed by the petitioner and to ensure that a burial ground/cremation ground does not affect the water body and such burial/cremation shall be done only in the place, which is specifically designated by the authorities, there shall be a direction to the third respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 09.06.2025 and take a decision and convey the same to the petitioner within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

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Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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