



W.P. No.26240 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.07.2025

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CORAM:
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.SUNDAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

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Sekar

Petitioner

vs.

1. The District Collector
Collector Office, Ranipet District
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Revenue Divisional Office
Walajah Taluk
Ranipet District
3. The Commissioner
Walajah Municipality
Ranipet District
4. Vijayaraghavan
5. Muniyan
6. Shankar Rao

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 encroachments put up by the respondents 4 to 6 in 'Sarkar Poramboke" land comprised in Old S.No.1651 and new T.S.Nos.1651/1, 2 and 3, Jagamma Reddy Street, Walajah Town, Ward No.2, Block No.24, Walajah Taluk, Ranipet District, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 10.05.2025.

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For petitioner	Mr. C. Harish
For RR 1 & 2	Mr. T.K. Saravanan Addl. Govt. Pleader
For R3	Dr. T. Seenivasan Special Government Pleader

ORDER

[made by M.SUNDAR, J.]

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

2. Mr. C. Harish, learned counsel on record for writ petitioner, is before us.

3. Adverting to a representation dated 10.05.2025 from the writ petitioner, learned counsel for writ petitioner submitted that there are alleged encroachments in 'Old Survey No.1651 (New T.S.Nos.1651/1,2 and 3), Jagamma Reddy Street, Walajah Town, Ward No.2, Block No.24, Walajah Taluk, Ranipet District' [hereinafter 'said land' for the sake of convenience and clarity] by RR 4 to 6. To be noted, RR 4 to 6 are private respondents.



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4. At the outset, for the purposes of clarity and specificity, this Court deems it appropriate to record that the captioned WP which has been filed with a Removal of Encroachment prayer pertains to said land but in the representation dated 10.05.2025, said land has been wrongly described as T.S.No.1657. Learned counsel on record for writ petitioner regrets the error in the representation and submits that it will suffice if this order is restricted to said land.

5. 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 GO' for the sake of convenience] which puts in place a Removal of Encroachment procedure *inter alia* giving opportunity to alleged encroachers, 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 encroachers i.e. RR 4 to 6.

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

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7. Mr. T.K. Saravanan, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepts notice for RR 1 and 2 and Dr. T. Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice for R3.

8. 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 in the Admission Board, *i.e.*, Motion List.

9. 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.

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



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

12. 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 encroachers and therefore, this safety valve is put in place. To be noted, all the rights and contentions of alleged encroachers 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 27.10.2025.

13. 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.



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14. 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.

15. 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.)
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N.C. : Yes/No



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