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W.P.No.29402 of 20__

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 12.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

**W.P.No.29402 of 2025
and W.M.P.No.32947 of 2025**

Dr.U.Shoban Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

- 1.The Tahsildar,
Egmore District,
No.88, Mayor Ramanathan Salai,
Chetpet, Chennai – 600 031.
- 2.The District Revenue Officer,
Singaravelar Maaligai,
62, Rajaji Salai, Chennai Collectorate,
Beach Road, George Town,
Chennai – 600 001.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Chennai Central District,
Anna Nagar, West Extension,
Chennai – 600 101.
- 4.Mr.D.Balakumar

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to
issue a notice of appearance to the petitioner and conduct a hearing with



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respect to the Representation dated 20.07.2023 sent by the 4th respondent requesting to cancel the Patta granted in favour of the petitioner in the subject land admeasuring 9,619 Sq.ft in S.No.31 (Presently T.S.No.85/2) Block No.2, Puliur Village, Egmore/Nungambakkam Taluk, Kodambakkam SRO, Chennai Central District as directed by the 3rd respondent in the Letter bearing Na.Ka.A2/8269/2023 dated 15.12.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.Simran Srinivasan
For Respondents – 1 to 3: Mr.P.Sathish,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

By consent of learned counsel on both sides, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself. In view of the order that this Court proposes to pass in this writ petition, notice to the 4th respondent is dispensed with.

2. The relief sought in this writ petition is to direct the 1st respondent to issue a notice of appearance to the petitioner and conduct a hearing with respect to the Representation dated 20.07.2023 sent by the 4th respondent requesting to cancel the Patta granted in favour of the petitioner in respect of the land measuring an extent of 9,619 Sq.ft comprised in S.No.31 (Presently T.S.No.85/2) Block No.2 of Puliur Village, Egmore/Nungambakkam Taluk, Kodambakkam SRO, Chennai Central District (hereinafter referred



to as “subject property”) as directed by the 3rd respondent in the Letter bearing Na.Ka.A2/8269/2023 dated 15.12.2023.

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3. At the outset, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 submitted that 4th respondent had submitted a Representation dated 20.07.2023 before the 2nd respondent, requesting to cancel the Patta granted in favour of the petitioner in respect of the subject property. Thereafter, the said Representation was forwarded to 3rd respondent.

3.1. The learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 3 further submitted that 3rd respondent vide Communication dated 15.12.2023, forwarded the aforesaid Representation dated 20.07.2023 to 1st respondent and requested the 1st respondent to conduct an enquiry on the said Representation and submit a report.

3.2. As such, the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 3 submitted that the 3rd respondent would be an appropriate authority to consider the 4th respondent's Representation. Therefore, he submitted that the 3rd respondent would consider the Representation dated



20.07.2023 submitted by the 4th respondent and pass appropriate orders, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

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4. The above submissions made by the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents 1 to 3 has been fairly conceded by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the limited relief sought by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to dispose of this Writ Petition with the following directions:

(i) The 3rd respondent shall consider the 4th respondent's Representation dated 20.07.2023, in accordance with law, after issuing notice and affording a reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, 4th respondent and all other interested parties including rival claimants, if any.

(ii) Though facts have been set out in affidavit, in view of the limited relief that is sought to be granted, I do not propose to examine the same, lest it may influence the Authority. The 3rd respondent shall independently consider the facts and law set out in the petitioner's Representation and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law including but not limited to the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983 and Tamil Nadu



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(iii) The 3rd respondent shall dispose of the 4th respondent's Representation dated 20.07.2023, within a period of sixteen weeks from the date of uploading of web copy of this order without waiting for the receipt of certified copy of this order.

(iv) It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any views with regard to the merits of the case and it is open to the 3rd respondent to consider the matter on its own merits and in accordance with law. Rights and contentions of the petitioner and all other interested parties are left open. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Speaking Order (or) Non-Speaking Order

To

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