



W.P.No.35120 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.P.No.35120 of 2025
and W.M.P.Nos.39316 and 39318 of 2025

P.Sathia Murthy
S/o.Palaniappan,
No.2, Srinivasa Nagar,
Press Colony,
Coimbatore North,
Coimbatore 641 019

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Secretary
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011
- 2.The Secretary
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011
- 3.The Director
Pasteur Institute of India,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India, Kotagiri Road,
Coonoor, Nilgiris 643 103



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4.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Coimbatore North,
Kavundampalayam,
Coimbatore District

5.The District Collector
Coimbatore District,
7/1, State Bank Road,
Gopalapuram
Coimbatore 641018

6.The Tahsildar
Coimbatore District (North)
Balasundaram Road, ATT Colony,
Gopalapuram,
Coimbatore 641018

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned proceeding of the respondent No.1, in his proceeding GO-F.No. L&DO/L-II-A/27 (190) (E-3131159)/116 dated 17.04.2025 and quash the same directing the respondents to release and had over approximately 1.29 acres of land for the purpose of constructing a 30 feet wide pucca approach road from Mettupalayam Road, to the hamlets situated behind the Press estate based on the Resolution No.16/2025 dated 6.02.2025 along with the Northern boundary of the Government of India Press, Coimbatore to the No.4 Veerapandi Town Panchayat, Coimbatore.



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For Petitioner:

Mr.V.Shanmuga Sundar

For Respondents:

Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan
Dy. Solicitor General of India
for respondent Nos.1 to 3

Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
assisted by
Mr.T.K.Saravanan
Addl. Government Pleader
for respondent Nos.4 to 6

ORDER

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

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The relief sought in this petition is to widen the road from the existing width of 13 feet to 30 feet as an access to the main road, cannot be ordered by the writ court. The width of the road cannot be altered by this court in the absence of any law which directs that any road should have a particular width.

3. A reply has been filed by the State which is taken into



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consideration, wherein the State has opposed such relief of diversion of land for the purpose of widening of the road.

4. The writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. This order shall not come in the way of the respondents in planning of widening of the road in future.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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