



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-08-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 29759 of 2025

and

WMP No. 33388 of 2025

R.Kannan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Executive Engineer
Water Resources Department,
Melpennaiyar Watershed Zone,
Dharmapuri -630808

2.The Executive Engineer
Upper Pennaiyar Basin Division,
Water Resources Department,
Dharmapuri-5

3.The Superintending Engineer
Pennaiyar Basin Circle,
Water Resources Department,
Tiruvannamalai -606 603.

4.The Engineer -in -Chief and Chief
Engineer (General)



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Water Resources Department,
Chepauk Railway St, PWD Estate,
Chepauk, Triplicane, Chennai-600 005

5.The Chief Engineer
Plan Formulation, Water Resources
Department, Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005.

6.The District Collector
1st Floor Salem Main Road,
Near Superintendent Of Police Office,
Dharmapuri-636 705

7.The Special Personal Assistant To The
Hon'ble
Minister (Water Resources), Secretariat,
Chennai-9

8.The Water Resoruces (OP-II)/ ISpl. I)
Department
Secretariat, Chennnai-9.

9.M/s.GMS Elegant Builders Pvt. Ltd.,
New H-98/1, Periyar Nagar,
Erode -638001.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

directing the respondents to consider the Representations dated 07.03.2025 and 12.03.2025 consequently direct the Respondents for construction of bridge for access as promised and allowing the petitioner to resume farming operations and transport the Petitioner agricultural products without further hindrances to the petitioner land.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Karthik

For Respondent(s): Mr.E.Vijay Anand, AGP

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to deal with the representations made by the petitioner on 07.03.2025 and 12.03.2025, wherein the petitioner is seeking for construction of a bridge for access to the agricultural land as was promised when the scheme was made.

2. When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents produced the written instructions received from the Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Department, Palacode and the relevant portions are extracted hereunder:

“The work involves construction of a new canal to diver the surplus water of Chinnar River by excavation of new supply canal from L.S.5.00 Km of



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the existing Jerthalav Canal to feed Erranahalli Tank, Pulikarai Tank and 12 other Tanks in Palacode Tanks of Dharmapuri District. This canal is having length of 14.385 Km covering 8 Villages and to benefit an ayacut of 432.80 acres.

In this scheme in Karagathahalli Village in Survey Nos.7, 8, 356, the canal excavation work is in progress only. The work was not yet completed. In the petitioner's land the canal excavation work is in progress. During the excavation of the petitioner's land the bridge will be constructed before completion of the canal work. The construction of new canal work was still in progress only. Before completion of the work the bridge will be constructed in the petitioner's land. Now the approach will be provided to cross the canal in the above said survey numbers of petitioner land. The petitioner's request will be considered and the bridge will be constructed in the Survey No.8 for their approach.”

3. In view of the above, it is seen that already temporary arrangements are



made for the construction of the bridge for access to the agricultural lands. The temporary arrangements in this process shall be completed within a period of 4 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the permanent arrangements shall be made upon the completion of the entire construction.

4. In result, this Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

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