



W.P.No.37080 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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&

W.M.P.Nos.41496 & 41498 of 2025

1. A.Raghunathan
2. Hema
3. Seetha
4. Poomadevi
5. Thangarasu

.. Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Chief Secretary to Government
Chief Secretariat, Goubert Avenue
Puducherry 605 001.
2. The Secretary to Government (LA)
Chief Secretariat, Goubert Avenue
Puducherry 605 001.
3. The District Collector
Revenue Complex, Pettaiyanchatiram
Puducherry 605 009.
4. The Executive Engineer
Buildings & Roads (Central)
Public Works Department
Puducherry 605 001.



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5. The Commissioner
Ariyankuppam Commune Panchayat
Ariyankuppam
Puducherry 605 007.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to explore the representations dated 20.12.2023, 04.01.2024, 02.09.2024, 05.02.2025, 30.05.2025, 31.05.2025, 02.06.2025 and 16.06.2025 filed before the respondents and pass an order to permit the 5 families in the government poramboke land under Re-Survey No. 70/3, Ariyankuppam, where they have been residing for over 50 years.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Suresh

For Respondents : Mr.S.Raveekumar
Government Pleader (Pondy)

ORDER

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

Misuse and abuse of august forum of public interest litigation is on the rise. This is one classic example. These very petitioners, earlier joined with one R.Gopal to file W.P.No.31137 of 2025



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[*R.Gopal and 5 others versus Chief Secretary to Government*]

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seeking to challenge action of removal of persons by authorities, including petitioners, by way of public interest litigation.

2. Serious exception was taken by this Court and the petition was dismissed, but with liberty to espouse individual cause holding that public interest litigation, at the hands of aggrieved person, would not be maintainable.

3. Conveniently suppressing the fact of filing earlier writ petition, petitioners herein filed this second petition, again, styled as public interest litigation. This time without impleading R.Gopal, first petitioner in earlier W.P.No.31137 of 2025. It is clear that all petitioners in the present petition were petitioners 2 to 6 in earlier petition W.P.No.31137 of 2025.

4. Unfortunately, in both the cases, counsel is one and the same.



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5. Petition is dismissed with cost of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) payable to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai, within a period of two months. W.M.P.No.41496 of 2025 filed to permit petitioners to file single writ petition is allowed subject to payment of separate court-fee within two weeks. Other interim application is dismissed.

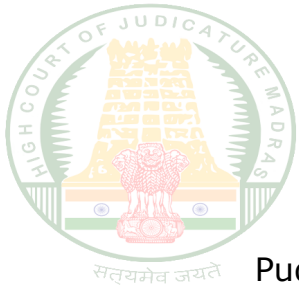
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