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W.P.No.35775 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :19.09.2025

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The Honourable **Mr.Justice Krishnan Ramasamy**

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M.SANJEEVI

Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 THE ARBITRATOR CUM DISTRICT COLLECTOR
CUDDALORE COLLECTORATE
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.
- 2 THE SPECIAL THASILDAR (L.A. N.H)
ARBITRATION SECTION O/O THE ARBITRATOR
CUM THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR CUDDALORE
COLLECTORATE CUDDALORE DISTRICT.
- 3 THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNOLOGY)
/ PROJECT DIRECTOR (PIU)
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
O/O THE PROJECT DIRECTOR,
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT
NO. 54 FIRST FLOOR, NATARAJAPURAM NORTH COLONY
Medical College Road, Thanjavur District – 613 004.
- 4 THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER (L.A)
NH-45C VILLUPURAM COLLECTORATE
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT.
- 5 THE SPECIAL THASILDAR (L.A)
NH 45C DIVISION III KATTUMANNAR KOIL (E)
SETHIYAPTHOPE SETHIYATHOPE POST BHUVANAGIRI
TALUK CUDDALORE DISTRICT 608 702



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6 THE SPECIAL THASILDAR (L.A)
NH-45C DIVISION IV CUDDALORE (E) VADALUR
VADALUR POST KURINCHIPADI TALUK CUDDALORE
DISTRICT 607 303.

Respondents

Prayer

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st Respondent to forthwith take up and dispose of the pending Arbitration O.P No Na.Ka.L3/(Arbit)/10143/2019 dated 24.04.2019 on merit and in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court and to further restrain the respondents from arbitrarily passing any unilateral orders with a view to close the matter and to pass.

For Petitioner : M/s.S.Sushmitha
For Respondents
1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 : Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan
Additional Government Pleader

Order

Heard M/s.S.Sushmitha learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan, learned Additional Government Pleader, who takes notice on behalf of the respondents 1, 2 & 4 to 6. Since the Writ Petition is taken up for disposal at the stage of admission and



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considering the nature of relief to be granted herein, notice to the third respondent is dispensed with.

2. The petitioner has filed this Writ Petition seeking for the following prayer:-

i) For issuance of a mandamus directing the 1st respondent to forthwith take up and dispose of the pending Arbitration O.P. dated 24.04.2019 on merit and in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner's land was acquired by the respondents for four-land configuration of NH 45 C under the provisions of NH Act, and an award was passed on 05.01.2018; that as against the award of compensation, the petitioner filed an Arbitration Original Petition before the first respondent on 24.04.2019, as the petitioner was entitled to interest on the unpaid amounts from 04.03.2016 i.e from the date of acquisition and till the date of realization, however, even after lapse of six years, he said Petition is not yet disposed of. Hence, the present Writ Petition.



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5. In view of the submission made by the learned Additional Government Pleader for respondents 1, 2, 4 to 6 and considering the limited scope of the prayer, sought for by the petitioner, in this Writ Petition, this Court, without expressing any view with regard to the merits of the contentions put forth by the petitioner in the Writ Petition, is of the view that, suffice it would be to direct the first respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioners' Arbitration Original Petition in a time bound manner.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the first respondent to consider the Arbitration Original Petition filed by the petitioner dated 24.04.2019 and dispose of the same as early as possible,



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preferably, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy

of this order. No costs.

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