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W.P.No.2220 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.03.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.K.R.SHRIRAM, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

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B.Ranganathan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary To Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600009.
2. The Commissioner Of Land Administration,
Office of the Land Administration,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600005.
3. The District Collector,
Collectorate, Dharmapuri.
4. The District Revenue Officer,
District Revenue Office, Dharmapuri.
5. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Office,
Dharmapuri.



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6. The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Behind Collectorate Office,
Dharmapuri.

7. The Tahsildar,
Palacode Taluk,
Dharmapuri District.

8. V.Govindraj
9. V.Chinnasamy
- 10.V.Murugan
- 11.S.Narayanan
- 12.A.Sakthivel
- 13.Annadurai, S/o Kundumani
- 14.Kannayiram
- 15.Munusamy
- 16.Gopi, S/o.Chinnasamy
- 17.Murugan
- 18.Gopi, S/o Chinnaraj
- 19.Chinnamaran
- 20.Kundumaran
- 21.Velu
- 22.Govindraj
- 23.Sagadevan
- 24.Annadurai, S/o Kannoru
- 25.Krishnan
- 26.Sagadevan
- 27.Murugan
- 28.D.Sudalingam
- 29.D.Durai @ Thotlan
- 30.Mariappan

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition under Article 226 seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus



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directing 2nd respondent to classify 62.57 acres of land comprised in S.Nos.20/4B, 20/5A, 20/5C, 20/6, 20/7, 21/1 to 21/9, 22/1 to 22/5, 23/3, to 23/4, 24/1 to 24/6, 25/2, 36/1 to 36/5, 36/7, 36/8, 37/1 to 37/13, 38/1 to 38/6 situate at Annamalaihalli Village, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District as Balamman Lake forthwith and further direct 7th respondent to remove encroachment on the above stated lands based on the petitioner's representation dated 29/04/2022.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Thirumoorthy

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
assisted by Mr.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate
for respondents 1 to 7

Mr.H.S.Mohamed Rafi
for respondents 15, 17, 19 and 20

ORDER

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

The prayer in the petition itself is so absurd that petitioner wants 62.57 acres of land spread over several survey numbers at Annamalaihalli Village be classified as a lake.

2. The fact that petitioner wants the place to be classified as a lake



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itself means that petitioner admits that there was no lake. Therefore, a mandamus cannot be granted.

3. Petitioner also states that there are encroachments on the survey numbers mentioned in the prayer.

4. Mr.Prabakar states the representation dated 29.4.2022 of petitioner, copy whereof is annexed to the petition, will be disposed in accordance with law within three months. Statement accepted.

5. Before passing any order on the representation, personal hearing be given to petitioner as well as private respondents.

Petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

(K.R.SHRIRAM, C.J.)

(MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ.J.)

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Index : Yes/No
NC : Yes/No
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