



W.P.No.44240 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Rahmatullah
S/o.Ghouse Basha,
No.16/2B, Natarajan Street,
Old Washermenpet,
Chennai-600 021.

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Building,
Chennai-600 003.
- 2.The Zonal Officer
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Zone-5, Basin Bridge,
Chennai-600 021.
- 3.The Assistant Divisional Engineer
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ward-48, Zone-5,
Old Washermenpet,
Chennai-600 021.



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4.Mohammed Yusuf,
No.16/6, New No.20, Natarajan Street,
Old Washermenpet,
Chennai-600 021.

5.Sadique Basha
No.16/6, New No.20 Natarajan Street,
Old Washermenpet,
Chennai-600 021.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.09.2025 and take appropriate action in accordance with the law to remove the illegal construction and encroachment made by the respondents 4 and 5 at the property bearing No.16/6, New No.20, Natarajan Street, Old Washermenpet, Chennai-600 021, within a time frame that may be stipulated by this Honourable Court.

For Petitioner: Mr.M.Venkadesh Kumar

For Respondents: Mr.S.Gopinathan
Standing Counsel
for respondent Nos.1 to 3

ORDER

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

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. This public interest litigation is misconceived. The dispute



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involved in this petition appears to be civil in nature, regarding occupation and encroachment on the passage used by the residents, including the petitioner. This is essentially a matter which can be raised before the civil court and not in the writ court.

3. The petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)

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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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