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W.P.No.44299 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.44299 of 2025  
and WMP.No.49409 of 2025

K.M.Rajamanickam

.... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Secretariat, Fort St.George  
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Zonal Deputy Tahsildar  
Mettur, Salem District.

.... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent vide his proceedings in File No.2025/0103/08/560383 dated 28.06.2025 and quash the same and direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to issue patta in the names of K.A.Raajamanickam, S.A.Pachamuthu and R.S.Pachamuthu, within a time stipulated by this Court and pass orders.

For Petitioner : Ms.B.Rathika Boopathi

For Respondents : Mr.C.Jayaprakash  
Government Advocate [R1 & R2]



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## ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the online rejection order passed by the second respondent dated 28.06.2025 and for a consequential direction to the second respondent to issue patta in the name of petitioner and others, with respect to the subject property.

2. Heard Ms.B.Rathika Boopathi, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.C.Jayaprakash, learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents.

3. The petitioners and two others are claiming right and title over the property through a sale deed dated 14.09.2023 registered as Document No.3163 of 2023. They submitted an application on 13.06.2025 seeking for transfer of patta. The same has been rejected through online rejection order, without assigning any reasons. Aggrieved by the same, the present petition has been filed before this Court.

4. In the considered view of this Court, the impugned online rejection order is in violation of principles of natural justice. The online rejection



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order does not even state the reasons for the rejection of the application.

The learned Government Advocate, on instructions, submitted that as against the petitioner and two others, a civil suit is pending. If that is the case, the second respondent ought to have called the petitioner and two others for enquiry and got the necessary clarifications. However, without doing so, the second respondent cannot reject the application, without assigning any reasons.

5. In view of the above, the impugned rejection order dated 28.06.2025, issued by the second respondent is hereby quashed and the matter is remanded back to the file of the second respondent. The second respondent is directed to conduct an enquiry, afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and the interested parties, and take a reasoned decision within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. In the result, the writ petition is allowed in the above terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes / No

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