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W.P.No.45759 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.11.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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P.Ashwin

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Special District Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition),
Chennai – Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project,
Chengalpattu.

2.The District Collector,
Chengalpattu District,
Chengalpattu.

3.The Special Tahsildar (Land Acquisition),
Highways, Tambaram,
Chengalpattu.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent's 1 and 2 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 25.08.2025 within a limited time frame for higher compensation due to acquisition of the petitioner property of 1700 square feet in Survey No.135/B3 part in Selaiyur Village, Tambaram Taluk, Chengalpattu District.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Rajendiran

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For Respondents 1 to 3 : Mr.P.Sathish,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondent's 1 and 2 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 25.08.2025 within a limited time frame for higher compensation due to acquisition of the petitioner property of 1700 square feet in Survey No.135/B3 part in Selaiyur Village, Tambaram Taluk, Chengalpattu District.

2. Mr.P.Sathish, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the respondents. By consent of both the parties, this writ petition is taken up for final hearing at the stage of admission itself.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in this case, though the award was passed by the respondent as early as on 31.05.2025, the same was received by the petitioner only on 22.08.2025. Immediately, upon receipt of the said award, a representation was filed by the petitioner on 25.08.2025 to refer the matter to Collector for fixation of higher compensation. However, the respondents have not considered the



said representation, till date. Hence, the petitioner has come forward with the present writ petition.

4. In reply, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that in this case, the award was passed by the respondents on 31.05.2025. In terms of Section 20 of the Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001, the petitioner is supposed to have made objections/representation within a period of 60 days from the date of passing of award. In such case, the representation dated 25.08.2025 was made beyond the period of limitation, due to which, the respondents were unable to consider the same. Hence, he requests this Court to pass appropriate orders.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. The subject matter of this writ petition is no longer *re-integra* and the same is covered by the order passed by this Court in ***W.P.No.38786 of 2025 dated 13.10.2025***. For better appreciation, the relevant portion of the said order is extracted hereunder:

“11. In the present case, though the award was passed



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as early as on 31.05.2025, the same was communicated to the petitioner only on 22.08.2025. Immediately, upon receipt of the said award, a representation was filed by the petitioner on 25.08.2025. If the date of communication, i.e., 22.08.2025, is taken into consideration, the aspect of delay in filing the representation would not come into picture. Therefore, it is clear that the representation filed by the petitioner is well within the period of limitation as prescribed in terms of Section 20 of the Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001.”

7. Such being the case, the similar proportion of law will apply to the present case. Hence, the respondents are directed to dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 25.08.2025 and take necessary steps to refer the matter to the Collector for fixation of higher compensation, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above direction, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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