



W.P.No.47962 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.12.2025

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The Honourable **Mr.Justice Abdul Quddhose**

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and

W.M.P.No.53554 of 2025

M.MANI

..Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
COMMISSIONER OF LAND REFORMS
TAMIL NADU BOOMIDHANA BOARD
COMMISSIONERATE OF LAND
REFORMS EZHILAGAM CHEPAUK CHENNAI 05
- 2 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT DHARMAPURI 636 705
- 3 THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT DHARMAPURI 636 705
- 4 THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER
DHARMAPURI 636 701 DHARMAPURI DISTRICT
- 5 THE TAHSILDAR
KARIYAMANGALAM 635 111
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

...Respondents

Prayer

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 18.11.2025 made by the petitioner in the light of section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958 either for

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allotment or willingness to exchange the donated lands of said land in favour of the petitioner.

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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ganesan
For Respondents : Mr.D.Ravichander
Special Government Pleader

Order

With consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2. This Writ Petition is filed seeking for a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 18.11.2025 given as per the provisions of Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958.

3. The petitioner's claim is that he has donated lands for public purpose, and therefore, he is entitled to exchange the said lands with another lands belonging to the petitioner, as per the provisions of the Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958. The petitioner has given a representation dated 18.11.2025 as per the provisions of Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958, seeking for allotment of lands, which



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were earlier donated by the petitioner in exchange for lands belonging to the petitioner. The said representation has not been considered till date. Hence, the petitioner has filed this Writ Petition.

4. Mr.D.Ravichander, learned Special Government Pleader accepts notice for respondents and he would submit that as per the provisions of Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958, only if the circumstances, so warrants, permission can be granted for exchange of donated lands in lieu of other lands, and therefore, there is no vested right for the petitioner to claim benefits as per the provisions of Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958.

5. This Court is not expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's representation. No prejudice would be caused to the respondents, if the petitioner's representation is considered on merits and in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

6. For the foregoing reasons, this Writ Petition is disposed of by directing the second respondent to pass final orders on merits and in



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accordance with law on the petitioner's representation dated 18.11.2025 seeking the benefits under Section 17A of the Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Yagna Act, 1958 within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. With the aforesaid direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation : yes/no

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