



W.P.No.48848 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 12.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

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1. Rangasamy
2. B.C.Saravana Selvan
3. K.Chitrarasu
4. K.Shanmugam

....Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Principal Secretary to Government
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department
Secretariat
Chennai – 600 009
2. The Director of Fisheries
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Campus
Nandanam
Chennai – 600 035
3. The Deputy Director of Fisheries
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare
Dharmapuri Region
Opp. Collectorate
Dharmapuri
4. The Assistant Director of Fisheries
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare Board
Inland Fisheries
KRP Dam
Krishnagiri



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5. FMR 1, Kaveripattinam Paruvatha Rajakula
Fishermen Cooperative Society
Agaram Road, Opp. Santhosh Theatre
Kaveripattinam
Krishnagiri Director
Rep. By its Administrative Officer

... Respondents

Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 2 and 3 to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 03.11.2025 and to adjust the excess Royalty amount of Rs.15,93,472/- paid by the petitioner for the year 2020 to 2025 with sum of Rs.15,04,891.50 for the Royalty amount to be paid by the petitioners for the year 2020 to 2025 and refund the excess payment of Royalty amount of Rs.88,530.50 to the petitioners.

For Petitioner :Mr.S.Doraisami
for Mr.V.Elangovan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Rajesh
Government Advocate for R1 to R4
Mr.V.Jeevagiridharan
Additional Government Pleader for R5

ORDER

The petitioner seeks a direction to respondents 2 and 3 to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 03.11.2025 and adjust the excess Royalty amount paid by the petitioners for the year 2013 to 2018 with the



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Royalty amount to be paid by the petitioners for the year 2020 to 2025 and to refund the excess Royalty amount to the petitioners.

2. The petitioners, who are the inland fishermen, are members of the fourth respondent Cooperative Society and fishing rights of the Barur Big Tank was leased out to the petitioners for the period between 2013 and 2018 under G.O.Ms.No.165, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 25.09.2012 and the petitioners paid the royalty to the tune of Rs.63,45,600/-, but the royalty payable as per catch was only Rs.47,49,128/- and the petitioners were granted fishing rights again for the period from 2020 to 2025 and the petitioners have paid a royalty amount of Rs. 39,65,325/- as against the royalty to be paid by the petitioner of Rs.54,70,216.50. Now the petitioners wants to adjust the excess amount of Rs.15,93,422/- lying with the respondent for the amount to be paid by the petitioners for the period 2020 to 2025 and refund the balance amount of Rs.88,530.50. Hence, the petitioners have sent representation dated 03.11.2025 to refund the balance royalty amount of Rs.88,530.50, after deducting a sum of Rs.15,04,891/- to be paid by the petitioners as royalty for the period 2020 to 2025. However, no orders have been passed by the respondents on the respondents till date. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court.

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3. Mr.S.Rajesh, learned Government Advocate accepted notice for Respondents 1 to 4 and Mr.V.Jeevagiridharan, learned Additional Government Pleader accepted notice for fifth respondent.

4. The learned Government Advocate submitted that the representation of the petitioners will be considered and orders will be passed.

5. In view of the limited relief sought for by the petitioners, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 03.11.2025 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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