



W.P.(MD) No.640 of 2023

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 25.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.SOUNTHAR

W.P.(MD) No.640 of 2023

R.T.Sathishkumar

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Petitioner

Vs

- 1 The District Collector,
O/o. the District Collector,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.
- 2 The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o. the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Thanjavur.
- 3 The Tahsildar,
O/o.The Tahsildar,
Orathanadu Taluk,
Thanjavur District.
- 4 The Revenue Inspector,
Thirumangalakottai,
Orathanadu Taluk,
Thanjavur District.
- 5 The Village Administrative Officer,
Arumulai, Orathanadu Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

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Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to send proposal for grant of cost assignment (assignment patta) in respect of the Punja land in Survey No.131/2 to the extent of 0.02.5 Ares situated at Arumulai Village, Orathanadu Taluk, Thanjavur District, and consequential direction to the 1st respondent to consider the same and pass appropriate order on the basis of the petitioner's application dated 21.02.2022 and 17.03.2022 in accordance with G.O(Ms) No.248 Revenue (LD-I(2) Department dated 28.07.2009 and G.O.(Ms) No.60 Revenue (LDIII(1) Department dated 05.02.1999.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Shanmugaraja Sethupathi

For Respondents : Mr.A.Baskaran,
Addl. Govt. Pleader.

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed, seeking a direction to the third respondent to send proposal for assignment of the land situated in Survey No. 131/2 with an extent of 0.02.5 Ares, at Arumulai Village, Orathanadu Taluk, Thanjavur District, in the light of G.O(Ms) No.248, Revenue (LD-I(2) Department, dated 28.07.2009.



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2. The petitioner herein submitted an application before the third respondent on 21.02.2022, seeking assignment of the subject property on payment of cost. Subsequently, public notice was issued by the respondent, seeking objections from the public. Since there was no objection, the third respondent sent a communication to the Sub-Registrar concerned for fixation of cost of the subject land in his proceedings Na.Ka.No.2171/2022/Aa2, dated 28.07.2022. The Sub-Registrar, Pappanadu, in his letter, dated 01.08.2022, submitted his proposal regarding the cost of the land before the third respondent. Even thereafter, there is no progress on the request made by the petitioner for assignment of the subject land. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a reminder letter before the first respondent on 09.09.2022, requesting him to fix the cost of the subject property to enable the petitioner to pay the same and seek assignment. Thereafter, the first respondent directed the second respondent to conduct a field enquiry and submit his report, by his letter, dated 29.09.2022. However, the second respondent has not conducted any field enquiry and submitted his report before the first respondent. Therefore, the petitioner has come before this Court with the above mentioned prayer.



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3. The Additional Government Pleader, appearing for the respondents, would submit that the second respondent will submit his report before the first respondent within a time stipulated by this Court.

4. In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, the second respondent is directed to submit a report before the first respondent within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order. The first respondent shall consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 09.09.2022, in the light of the report submitted by the second respondent, and pass final orders within a further period of eight weeks thereafter.

5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected W.M.P.(MD) No.2899 of 2024 is closed.

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