



W.P.(MD) No.2124 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.10.2025

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE P.T.ASHA**

**W.P.(MD) No.2124 of 2025**

**and**

**W.M.P(MD)Nos.1500 & 1502 of 2025**

M.Ramaraj

.. Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Deputy Director of Town and Country Planning,  
Office of the Deputy Director of Town and Country Planning,  
Dindigul.
- 2.The District Collector /  
The President of the Dindigul District Green Committee,  
Dindigul,  
Dindigul District.
- 3.The Assistant Director (Panchayats),  
Dindigul,  
Dindigul District.
- 4.The Block Development Officer,  
Dindigul Union Office,  
Dindigul District.
- 5.Seelapadi Village Panchayat,  
Represented by its President,  
Seelapadi,  
Dindigul District.



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6. The Panchayat Secretary,  
Seelapadi Village Panchayat,  
Dindigul District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent vide impugned proceedings in Na.Ka.No.2775349/2024/Aa3 dated 06.01.2025 and quash the same as illegal and consequently directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to remove one palm tree standing in the midst of the road and consequently direct the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to approve the application of the petitioner in No.QMHV3EX3 as forwarded by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in pursuance of the order passed by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent vide his proceedings in ROC No.QMHV3EX3/2024/TCP dated 21.06.2024 within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar  
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

For R1-R4 : Mr.D.Sasikumar  
Additional Government Pleader

### **ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent dated 06.01.2025 and to direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to remove one palm tree standing in the midst of the



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road and consequently direct the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to approve the application of the petitioner in No.QMHV3EX3 as forwarded by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in pursuance of the order passed by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent vide his proceedings in ROC No.QMHV3EX3/2024/TCP dated 21.06.2024.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the properties in Survey Nos. 719/1B2, 719/4B and 719/5B2 measuring an extent of 98.8 cents situated at Seelapadi Village, Dindigul West Taluk, Dindigul District belongs to the petitioner. All the revenue records stand in the name of the petitioner. The petitioner made an application on 15.05.2024 seeking approval for forming a residential layout. Though the same was approved by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent vide proceedings dated 21.06.2024, the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent refused to approve the same. Therefore, the petitioner filed W.P(MD)No.22541 of 2024 seeking a direction to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respondents to dispose of his application in the light of the proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent, dated 21.06.2024. By order dated 23.09.2024, the above writ petition was disposed of with a direction that the application be disposed of within a month.





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palm tree, and on receipt thereof, the District Collector was directed to dispose the said application.

5. The palm trees proposed for removal were earmarked and an application in this regard was also filed. On receipt of the same, the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent passed an impugned order, rejecting the request of the petitioner for the reason that removal of the four earmarked trees may set a precedent and in the future, applications for the removal of other trees could also be submitted. Challenging the same, the petitioner is before this Court.

6. Heard the learned counsels on either side.

7. The reason given for the rejection is rather observed considering the fact that the palm tree is right in the middle of the layout road. Further, the same can be transplanted in the margin of the road or elsewhere. Further, the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent had directed the owner to remove the tree at his expenses by proceedings dated 20.11.2024. Therefore, the



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two palm trees, which are shown in Page Nos.81 and 82 of the typedset of papers filed along with the writ petition, shall be transplanted by the Agricultural and Farmers Welfare Department at the cost and expense of the petitioner.

8. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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NCC : Yes/No

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4. The Block Development Officer,  
Dindigul Union Office,  
Dindigul District.
5. The Joint Director of Agriculture  
Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture,  
Collectorate Campus, V.N.Valagam,  
Dindigul – 624001.



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**P.T.ASHA, J.**

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