



W.P.(MD).No.2435 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 29.01.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

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SP.Nagarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukkottai,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Thirumayam Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

4.The Special Tahsilar (Natham Nilavari Thittam),
Thirumayam,
Pudukkottai District.

5.Thanigaivel

6.Subramanian

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to remove the



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encroachments made by the respondents 5 and 6 by way of blocking the public pathway bearing S.No.198/4C situated at Pillamangalam Village, Thirumayam Taluk, Pudukkottai District in the light of the petitioner's representations dated 29.11.2024 and 23.01.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Sivakumar

For R-1 to R-4 : Mr.J.Ashok

Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

By consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2. This Writ Petition has been filed for a Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachments made by the respondents 5 and 6 by way of blocking the public pathway bearing S.No.198/4C situated at Pillamangalam Village, Thirumayam Taluk, Pudukkottai District in the light of the petitioner's representations dated 29.11.2024 and 23.01.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

3. Since no adverse orders are going to be passed against the respondents 5 and 6, notice to the respondents 5 and 6 is hereby dispensed with.



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4. The petitioner herein had given a representation to the third respondent on 23.01.2025 to remove the encroachments alleged to have been made by the respondents 5 and 6 in the public pathway. Since the said representation was not considered, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

6. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.01.2025, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner and the respondents 5 and 6 herein, as well as all other persons, who may be interested in the subject matter, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this



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order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(M.S.R.,J.) (A.D.M.C.,J.)
29.01.2025

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