



W.P(MD)No.6162 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.07.2025

CORAM:

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

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.4930, 10437 and 13054 of 2019

K.Rajkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The Sub-Collector,
Paramakudi,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Kadaladi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.P.Subramanian
- 5.Murugan
- 6.V.Mariappan
- 7.Muthusamy
- 8.Ramasamy
- 9.M.Kasilingam
- 10.Kanagavel Nadar
- 11.Rajaperumal
- 12.Palavesam



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13.Suvaranaintha Perumal

14.Muthuvel

15.Narayanan

16.Vallatharasu

17.Thangadurai

18.Piravai Nathan

19.Sakkarai

20.Mariappan

21.Salomon

22.Mathi

23.Sri Ram Colour Company,
Kannirajapuram, Kadaladi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

24.Kavara Kulathar

25.Ramkumar

26.Velu

27.The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Organization (Ground Water),
Public Works Department, Chennai.

28.The Sayalkudi Town Panchayat,
Rep., by its Executive Officer,
Sayalkudi, Kadaladi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

29.A.Sivagnana Pandiyan

30.K.Mohamed Jinna

31.The Block Development Officer,
Kadaladi Panchayat Union,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

[R27 is suo motu impleaded vide Court order dated 19.03.2019]

**[R28 is suo motu impleaded vide Court order
dated 01.07.2019 in W.P.(MD) No.6162 of 2019]**



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[RR29 & 30 are impleaded vide Court order dated 01.07.2019 in W.M.P.(MD) No.10282 of 2019 in W.P.(MD) No.6162 of 2019]

[R31 is suo motu impleaded vide Court order dated 17.07.2019 in W.P.(MD) No.6162 of 2019]

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct respondents 1 to 3 to take appropriate action against respondents 4 to 26 to prevent them from fetching water from the newly dug 58 wells situated at Kannirajapuram Village, Pilaiporuthamman Kudiyiruppu, Balammal Kudiyiruppu, Vettukadu, Ammapuram, Dhiraviapuram, Narippaiyur, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District and to close the same for the interest of public at large.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar

For RR 1 to 3, 27,
28, 31 : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader

For RR6, 8, 9, 11 to 13,
17, 18 & 25 : Mr.R.Murugappan

For RR7, 14 to 16, 20, 29 & 30: Mr.A.Rajaram

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted to direct respondents 1 to 3 to take appropriate action against respondents 4 to 26 to prevent



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them from fetching water from the newly dug 58 wells situated at Kannirajapuram Village, Pilaiporuthamman Kudiyruppu, Balammal Kudiyruppu, Vettukadu, Ammapuram, Dhiraviapuram, Narippaiyur, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District and to close the same for the interest of public at large.

2. The complaint submitted by the petitioner reveals that the private respondents are illegally extracting ground water for commercial purposes.

3. The Government has issued orders in G.O.(Ms) No.15, Water Resources (R1) Department, dated 28.03.2023 and also guidelines for extraction of ground water for commercial purposes. Licence is to be obtained and extraction of water is now being regulated.

4. Illegal extraction of water for commercial purpose is an offence punishable and therefore, the officials respondents are directed to conduct inspection and initiate all appropriate actions, if ground water extraction for commercial purpose is identified. The guidelines issued by the Government are to be scrupulously followed.



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5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

J.]

[S.M.S., J.]

[A.D.M.C.,

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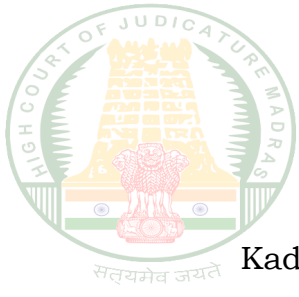
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- 6.The Block Development Officer,

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