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W.P.(MD)NO.9347 OF 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

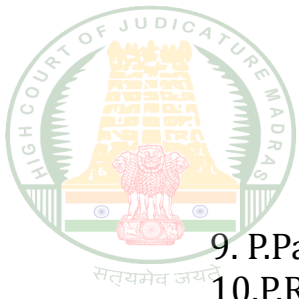
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M.Arjunan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o.the Revenue Divisional Office,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.
3. The Tahsildar,
O/o.the Tahsildar,
Dindigul West,
Dindigul District.
4. The Executive Officer,
Sriramapuram Town Panchayat,
Sriramapuram,
Dindigul District.
5. S.Duraisamy
6. S.Thirumalaisamy
7. P.Muruganantham
8. Nallasamy



9. P.Palanisamy

10.P.Raja

11.M.Selvaraj

12.N.Dhandapani

13.P.Muthusamy

14.T.Sekar

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachment made by respondents 5 to 14 in survey No.324 and 326 at Godalvavi Village, Srirampuram Town Panchayat, Dindigul District within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Thirumurugan

For R-1 to R-4 : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

For R-5,
R-7toR-10 : Mr.D.Venkatesh

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner is a permanent resident of Godalvavi Village in Dindigul West Taluk. He alleges that in survey Nos.324 and 326,



there are encroachments. Since the authorities did not take any action to remove the same, this writ petition came to be filed.

3. When the matter was taken up for final disposal, it is admitted by the learned Special Government Pleader that both the survey numbers have been classified as water bodies. It is admitted that the private respondents filed civil suit to forbear the authorities from evicting them. Though the suit was dismissed in the year 2023 itself, we have our own doubts about the very maintainability of the suit.

4. Be that as it may, we direct respondents 2 and 3 to take effective action so that the encroachments are cleared. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The respondents shall put all the encroachers on notice and adhere to due process of law before taking action. This writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
26th June 2025

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